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## Free clinic plans proceed

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Local health care officials are moving forward with plans to establish a free clinic for the uninsured.

About 25 people attended a meeting last Thursday at Mercy Hospital Grayling where health care officials are finalizing plans to establish a free clinic for the uninsured.

Doctors, nurse practitioners and nurses have volunteered their services to run the AuSable Free Clinic, which would be open to patients every Thursday.

Mercy Hospital, Family Independence Agency, District Health Department and church officials have been supportive of the clinic.

Dr. Lisa Harrington from Grayling Family Practice, who is chairwoman of Mercy Hospital's family medicine department, proposed the idea of the clinic and colleagues and volunteers have come on board.

"The community response has been outstanding," Harrington said. "I have all of the doctors

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## Zoning protocol to be addressed

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Grayling Township Board will hold a meeting with its zoning board of appeals members to clarify their duties following objections to a recent boat house that was rebuilt on the AuSable River.

Township trustees opted to hold the meeting with zoning officials after builder Jay Stephan requested the removal of the zoning board for discussing a boat house he rebuilt at the zoning board of appeal's January meeting. Stephan is arguing that zoning officials committed misfeasance, which is the performance of a lawful action in an illegal or improper manner.

Zoning board member's question whether township building officials had overstepped their authority by issuing a building permit for the boat house at their December and January meetings. Barbara Greene, chair woman for the zoning board of appeals, directed zoning board member Curt Jansen to meet with township attorney Monte Burmeister on the issue at the zoning board's January meeting.

The zoning board turned down a variance request for the boat house in October and December 2003, citing that the structure was not allowed



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Grayling builder Jay Stephan, standing in front of the boat house he rebuilt on the AuSable River, wants the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals members removed from the board for discussing the boat house at their meetings.

under the state's Natural Rivers Protection Act.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued an Inland Lakes and Streams permit to Barbara Reed, the owner of Camp Shoppenagon's, to rebuild the boat house.

Stephan said that he was honored to do the work because his grandfather, Theodore Stephan, and great grandfather, Henry Stephan, built the Camp Shoppenagon's cabin and were caretakers of the property.

"Mrs. Reed asked me to rebuild the boathouse to look like it was when she was a child and that's pretty much the

way she wanted it," Stephan said.

Stephan said Reed was allowed to rebuild the boat house because the rural township zoning act does not allow township officials to regulate riparian rights. He also said the

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## DNR gives Roscommon ultimatum

Claims Lake St. Helen levels mismanaged, impacts AuSable

by Josh Greenberg  
Staff Writer

In a letter sent to Roscommon County Board of Commissioners on January 21, 2005, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources accused Roscommon County of violating a 1998 Court Order that established winter and summer water levels in Lake St. Helen. Fishermen and canoers have long voiced their complaints with regard to the dramatic fluctuations in the South Branch of the AuSable River.

"One year we lost a whole age class of fish on the South Branch because of flooding," said Rusty Gates, President of the Anglers of the AuSable.

According to the DNR, the Lake St. Helen water gauge station -- required by the Court Order -- "documented a consistent pattern of noncompliance with the Court Order."

The letter stated that beginning in April 2005, the DNR will monitor lake levels to see if the Board is complying with the Court Order.

"At that time, we will make a decision regarding the need for any further action," the DNR letter said.



Photo by Josh Greenberg

Anglers of the AuSable President Rusty Gates said that his organization simply wants the same amount of water that goes into Lake St. Helen to come out. This photograph shows the famed Mason Tract section of the South Branch. Gates said the fishing in the tract has been adversely affected by the dramatically fluctuating water levels.

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioners has called for a meeting on March 14, and they have invited the DNR so they can jointly work toward a resolution.

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## National organization provides local work

Experience Works offers jobs, training

by Josh Greenberg  
Staff Writer

For those aged 55 and over searching for employment in the area, there is an organization that may offer immediate employment and the start of a career.

Experience Works employee Norma Gibes, a field assistant in five counties -- including Crawford -- believes that a lot of residents that might be served by Experience Works don't know what it is.

"We're always looking for folks," Gibes said.

Experience Works is a national program that offers training positions with non-profit organizations in the area.

Participants are paid \$5.15 an hour, and work around 20 hours a week.

"We try to match their skills to their training position," Gibes said.

Established as Green Thumb in 1962, the program was renamed Experience Works in 2002. It operates on a total national budget of \$100 million. "If we don't use the money we're allotted, we lose it for next year," said Gibes.

During their training, participants are required to prepare resumes and look for jobs.

"They start at the bottom and

work their way up. As an employer, that means they are always trying to upgrade themselves," said Library manager Bambi Sanderson. She added that most of the program's participants are seasoned workers, and they teach as well as learn.

"One participant named Vanna Ward came on board with us and she's the biggest go-getter I've ever met. She helps us out by working so hard, and we help her out by advancing her computer skills," Sanderson said.

Ward, who works for the Crawford County Libraries, said she heard of the Experience Works programs and thought she'd give it a whirl. She began in December, 2004.

"There's more to the library than I thought. The checking out and re-shelving of books... there's a lot to it," she said.

Originally from Lansing, Ward entered the workforce doing housekeeping, and later became a dietary aid at a nursing home. She began making custom forest products at what is now Spring's Manufacturing, before being laid off.

Ward was out of work for a year and a half, before taking a computer class through Continued on Page 3A  
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# Zoning protocol to be addressed

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township's zoning ordinance allowed reconstruction of the boat house and a variance was not needed because boat houses are allowed as an accessory building between main structure's and the water's edge.

"All I needed was a DEQ permit and a building permit," Stephan said.

Stephan questioned why the boat house was discussed by the zoning board since the case was not before the board. He is particularly upset with zoning board member Ron Joyce, who contends that the boat house was originally sitting on the bank of the river and not out in the river.

"It seems like the zoning board wants to tell you what you can do with private property and that they can dictate what they want," Stephan said.

Joyce opted not to comment on the issue, saying the entire zoning board should officially address the situation.

Rusty Gates, president of the Anglers of the AuSable, a non-profit group which works to protect and clean up the AuSable River watershed, said the group would be discussing the boat house at an upcoming meeting.

Township board members stopped short of holding a hearing to remove zoning board members because they did not believe that there was evidence of improper conduct.

"You can't have a hearing and crucify someone over a good faith act," said Township Trustee Dennis Long.

Township officials said that any questions the zoning board needs to have addressed by Burmeister should be submitted in writing to Township Supervisor and Zoning Administrator Terry Wright.

"I don't think that it's a malicious thing, but I do think it is contrary to the process we ought to be utilizing," said Burmeister of having various township officials come to his office for advice.

In January, DEQ officials found that the boat house was in violation of the permit since in a boat well, the place where a boat is stored, was not part of the structure.

Stephan said he did not put a boat well in the building because modern riverboats can be kept in dry storage unlike old time river boats which were built out of planks and needed to be stored in

the water so they would not leak. He has since cut a hole in the floor of the boat house where a boat could be stored in the water and the structure has been found in compliance with the DEQ's permit.

Susan Rundhaug, the DEQ's Land and Water Management district representative, said her office fielded a number of complaints regarding the boat house.

"We will continue to review these applications and we will apply the law and the criteria and this case will not change what we do," Rundhaug said.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials, who administer the Natural Rivers Protection Act, have held two meetings with Grayling Township officials over the administration of the act. The state allows local municipalities to enforce the state program.

"We are currently reviewing the township enforcement of the Natural River's Protection Act in order to determine if it's necessary to provide state zoning to provide adequate protection of the AuSable River," said Brian Bury, the DNR northern Michigan administrator for the Natural Rivers Protection Act.

## DNR gives Roscommon ultimatum

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Order, issued by Judge Michael J. Matuzak, set specific water levels beginning in November 1, and again on April 15, or at ice out, whichever occurred first.

The lake's legal level is 1155.25 feet above mean sea level, and is not to be lowered to a level less than 1154.75 feet.

The Order added that Roscommon County had to make a "reasonable effort" to take into consideration snowmelt, run-off and stream flows into the lake. The county would also have to install a gauge station capable of recording daily lake levels.

"We don't care where the lake level is set, as long as what goes in comes out...and that hasn't been happening," said Gates.

According to the DNR, the lake has been kept above the levels set forth in the order.

The three-part dam in question has a mechanical middle dam, and two side dams with boards. These boards can be pulled to further adjust lake levels.

Jim Smolarz, a new member of the Roscommon Board, is now responsible for the dam. He said that despite record precipitation in December and January, he's kept the lake level where it needs to be.

"I'm new to it, but I don't think it'll be a huge problem keeping

the water levels where they need to be," Smolarz said.

Smolarz added that there were several factors that might make maintaining the water level difficult. Factors that he thought the DNR had overlooked.

One of Smolarz's factors is a bridge, which has a narrow opening, and only allows a certain amount of cubic feet of Lake St. Helen water to be released.

"It's a DNR bridge, and it's that bridge which might get in the way with reaching the lake levels the DNR wants," Smolarz said.

Smolarz cited another factor:

"If we get one inch of rain, the lake raises approximately four inches. Since we can only let out so much water at any one time, that means we'll be above the summer lake levels identified in the Court Order."

He added that in August, it's possible for the water level to be too low because of evaporation levels.

"You can't get behind with managing the dam because you won't catch up," Smolarz said.

The new court order levels are 13 inches higher than the legal levels set in Circuit Court in 1982. This is designed to let nature play more of a role in the levels of the river, and not require the dams to be opened up, send-

ing a deluge of water down that has, in the past, even prevented canoeers from going safely down river.

The DNR states that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners has continuously mismanaged the water levels of Lake St. Helen. The question becomes, if the water levels of St. Helen were properly managed, would the water levels of the South Branch of the AuSable be more stable?

The answer, says DNR Fisheries Biologist Steve Sendek, is an unequivocal "yes."

"If they hold the water back the river dries up, and when they have to release that water to get the lake to the Court Ordered winter levels, the river floods," Sendek said.

Sendek said that the AuSable and Manistee Rivers are very stable systems, and the biological communities that have evolved in these systems now depend on this stability.

In regard to the bridge, Sendek said that he thought the Board might be underestimating the amount of water that can move under it.

Both Smolarz and Sendek said they were optimistic about the March 14 meeting about Lake St. Helen.

## Free clinic plans proceed

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lined up and now it's just a matter of clearing up a couple of details."

The clinic would be open to the uninsured on a first-come, first-serve basis. Harrington said she hopes the initiative would give people a point of contact assistance with medications and a source of preventative care rather than going to the emergency room.

"The E.R. is really not the place to get primary care ideally and it's just not a good use of resources all the way around," Harrington said.

Doctors also hope they can get uninsured children linked with programs to provide health care.

"There is not a child in Michigan that should not be getting adequate care," Harrington said. "There are enough programs out there that we can access."

There is an estimated 8,000 to

9,000 uninsured people in Mercy Hospital's four-county service area, said Victor Sztengel, director of the Wexford/Crawford physician hospital organization for Mercy Hospital who is president of the Cadillac Free Clinic, a similar health care clinic serving patients in Wexford County.

The clinic in Cadillac primarily sees people who are between 19 and 30 and 45 and 64 years old who, suffer from chronic diseases. About 75 percent of the patients are new comers at the clinic and 25 percent are return visitors.

Officials are applying for a grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to financially support the initiative. Sztengel estimated that it would cost \$50,000 to \$70,000 to get the clinic up and running.

The funds would pay to hire a nurse practitioner, who would oversee the operation of the clinic, as well as pay for equipment, supplies and drugs. Health care

officials hope to have the clinic up and running in August.

Former Mercy Hospital Grayling Administrator Sister Mary Ellen Howard, who oversees the Carbrini Clinic in Detroit, one of the largest free clinics in the nation which has been running for 55 years, is assisting local health care officials with the initiative.

Howard said there are 270,000 uninsured people in Detroit.

"The phone never stops ringing, and I say all 270,000 people want to come to the Carbrini clinic – it's a challenge," she said.

Howard said officials should rely on volunteer support donations. She added that officials should be encouraged by the success of the River House Shelter, which was established with funds from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

"Keep your budget as lean as you can, and get whatever you can for free," Howard said.



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## Inspectors to host code update forum

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Crawford County building and fire inspectors are holding a workshop next week to educate builders and homeowners about new building code updates.

The workshop will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22 at the Grayling Township Hall. The forum is being sponsored by the Crawford County Department of Building Safety, the Grayling Township Department of Building Safety and the Grayling City and Township Fire Department.

Building and inspectors are holding the forum because changes in state building codes for residential housing go into effect on February 28. All building and contractors are urged to attend the session.

"Rather than saying we're going to start enforcing these new regulations, we want to inform them of what we will be looking for, so that's why we are having the meeting," said Bob Dixon, the building and zoning inspector for Grayling Township.

By in large, most of the changes to the state building codes are to ensure that homes

meet new energy efficiency standards mandated by the updated Michigan Uniform Energy Code, said Joe Duran, the director of building and zoning for the Crawford County Zoning and Building Department.

Builders will be required to have the insulation of a home inspected while they are doing their work. Weather resistive sheathing paper will also have to be applied to all exterior walls of a home.

Another change called for in the codes is a mandate that hand rails be placed on all stairways of a home.

Changes in fire codes call for a required review of building plans by the fire inspector and a review of all fire suppression systems.

All new building will be required to have a Knox Box, a tamper resistant box which contains a key to the business, so firefighters can respond to fire and smoke alarms.

"Instead of waiting for the key holder or kicking the door down, we can pull the key and take care of the problem without causing a lot of damage," said Travis Roberts, the fire marshal for the Grayling City and Township Fire Department.

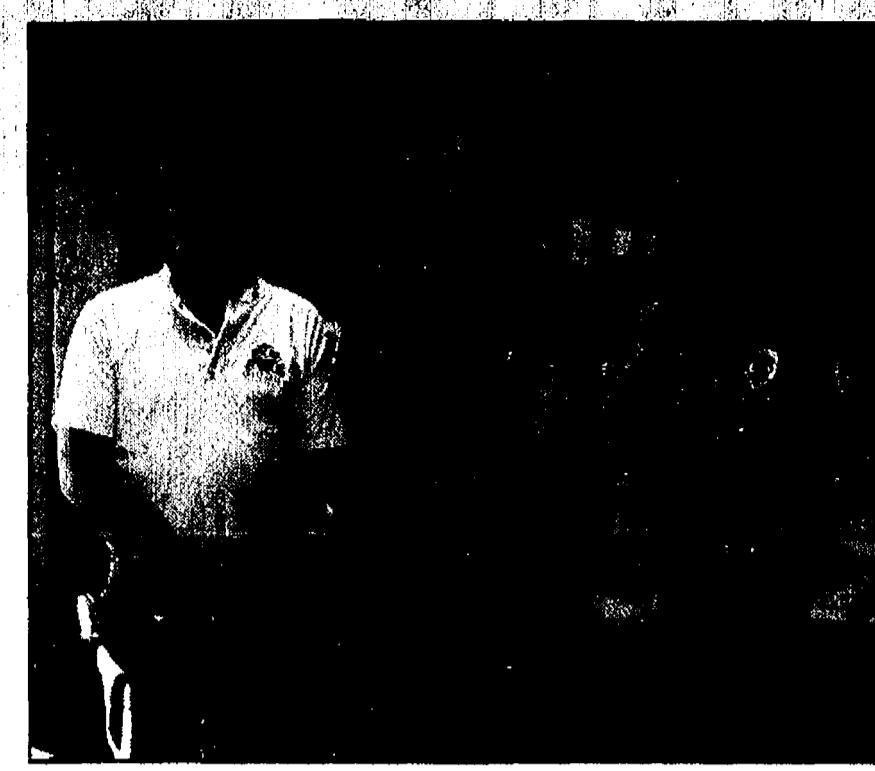


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Grayling Building Inspector Bob Dixon, Crawford County Director of Building and Zoning Joe Duran and Grayling City and Township Fire Marshal and Inspector Travis Roberts will be holding a workshop to educate builders and homeowners on new building and fire codes.

Existing businesses who may want a Knox Box for their building are also urged to contact the fire department.

Building and fire officials said the workshop is just another way they are trying to ensure the health, welfare and safety of citizens in the county.

"We all work together for the same purpose," Roberts said.

For more information on the building code workshop, call the Crawford County Building and Zoning Department at 344-3275. For fire department questions, call Roberts at 348-6319.

## Tax assistance at Senior Center

by Josh Greenberg  
Staff Writer

A tax assistance program supported by the AARP will be held at the Senior Center from 10 a.m. until at least 3 p.m. on Tuesdays until April 12. Appointments are required.

The program is intended to assist lower and middle class seniors in preparing their taxes.

"We train volunteers to help, and we only deal with the easy form," said Alice Snyder, of the Crawford County Commission on Aging.

The two volunteers this year are Jack Hagerman and Al Johnston.

"We serve around nine or ten people a day," said Johnston.

Snyder hopes that by next year the program will have the soft-



Photo by Josh Greenberg

Volunteer Al Johnston sits at his desk at the Senior Center, ready to help people with taxes.

ware necessary to e-file.

This is the third year that the free tax assistance program has been held in Grayling, though

the program has been going on for years throughout the state.

To schedule an appointment call 348-7123.

## Robbery results in prison sentence

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A Frederic woman who robbed a gas station was sentenced to prison last year.

Chief 46th Court Judge Alton T. Davis sentenced Kelly Jo Pratt to serve four years and three months to 15 years in prison on February 7 for armed robbery. She was given credit for 322 days served in the Crawford County Jail.

A jury found Kelly Jo Pratt, 30, guilty of armed robbery on December 15 after hearing three days of testimony.

Pratt and her boyfriend, Daniel Latesky Jr., were charged on February 10, 2004 for robbing the BP Gas Station in Frederic

during early morning hours on December 14, 2003.

Pratt wore a ski mask, pointed a gun at the store clerk and made off with just over \$70.

Latesky told Detective Sgt. Tim Lenhard of the Houghton Lake post of the Michigan State Police that he was the gunman and would take the wrap for the crime because he was confident he would be reunited with Pratt after he served a prison sentence.

Pratt fit the physical description of the suspect. Latesky's description of items he claimed he wore during the robbery conflicted with items admitted into evidence at Pratt's trial as well as the details of the robbery given by the store clerk.

Pratt was also sentenced to serve one year and one month to five years in prison for a third-degree home invasion charge.

## Man charged with sexual assault

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A 28-year old Grayling man was charged last week with sexual assault after he allegedly fondled a girl through her bedroom window.

Craig Michael Tunstalle was arraigned in Crawford County District Court on February 8 for home invasion first-degree, a 20-year felony, and criminal sexual conduct second-degree, a 15-

year felony.

Tunstalle is accused of opening a 12-year old girl's bedroom window, reaching into her bedroom and touching her in an inappropriate manner. The incident occurred at the girl's home in Grayling Township around 4:30 a.m. on February 6.

Troopers from the Houghton Lake post of the Michigan State Police conducted an on scene investigation and secured numer-

ous latent prints from the victim's bedroom window.

The latent prints were sent to the Grayling Forensic Laboratory, where they were processed for identification. The latent print technician identified the finger prints as belonging to Tunstalle.

Tunstalle remains in the Crawford County Jail in lieu of posting a \$20,000 cash or surety bond.

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caused Paulison to suffocate by shoving her head into the mattress and couch cushions.

Belkski told Heliin that she had gotten into a fight with Paulison because she was trying to quit drinking and Paulison kept bringing alcohol into the home, according to previous testimony.

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Michigan Works, which eventually led her to Experience Works.

"The advantage of Experience Works is that it's part-time. You have at least half the day to yourself. I've met a lot of nice people through this too," Ward said.

Each year, Experience Works serves about 125,000 people throughout the nation. Recently, the program launched Geezer.com, a service that helps seniors sell their handcrafted goods on the Internet.

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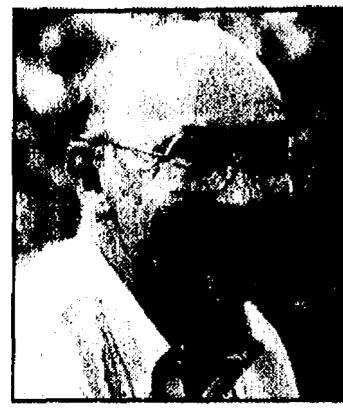
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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

### It may seem early, but 2006 candidates are coming

THE ELECTION IS more than 18 months in the future, but Michigan Republican candidates are starting to nudge into line to offer themselves to voters next year.

Both the governor's job and one United States senate seat will be open in 2006. Both now are held by Democrats, which is one reason Republican hopes are so high and so early, and why so many possible candidates are performing the political ritual of "testing the waters."

Neither Gov. Jennifer Granholm nor Sen. Debbie Stabenow, both Democrats, have formally announced they will run again, but both will.

The few natural Republican candidates of statewide prominence don't seem anxious to answer the call. Republican Attorney General Mike Cox con-

ceivably could use his job as a launch pad for the governor's job, a course Ms. Granholm successfully pursued in 2002, but early on Mr. Cox promised not to challenge the sitting governor in 2006.

Republican Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land seems to revel in her present job and has shown no inclination to seek another.

AROUND LANSING that leaves the legislature, which is full of folks who think they could do a fantastic job running the state as governor.

Two recently announced as candidates - State Sen. Nancy Cassis of Novi, 61, a teacher by training and experience, who served three terms in the house and is in her first four-year term in the senate; and State Rep. Jacob Hoogendoorn Jr. of Portage,

49, with background in sales and non-profit organization management, is in his second term in the house. Both also have long experience in local elective office.

Sen. Valde Garcia, 48, now of Howell, also has announced he is considering a run for governor.

Born in St. Johns, Mr. Garcia pursued a military career, then worked on various legislative staffs before election to the house in 1998, then to the senate in a 2001 special election, and again in 2002. He has changed candidacy residence twice to satisfy changing boundaries in the districts he sought to represent.

IN THE SENATE consideration for the GOP nomination against Sen. Stabenow, only one candidate has publicly declared he wants the job.

Michael Bouchard, Oakland

county sheriff and former state legislator, has kicked off a public campaign. Three months ago, he easily won reelection to a third four year term as sheriff, so can keep the job if he loses next year.

Again, no natural Republican challengers to Ms. Stabenow seem to be champing at the bit for the opportunity. An open senate nomination frequently draws a Republican congressman or two, seeking to move to the more prestigious side of the U.S. capitol, but none has stepped forward to challenge Sen. Stabenow. However, it still could happen.

U.S. Rep. Candice Miller of Macomb County a few weeks ago said that President Bush was urging her to run, but she didn't think she would.

ALREADY EMERGED for 2006 is the phantom "great men-

tion," freely dropping hints of inside information. Sometimes these tips come from the potential candidates dropping their own names. Sometimes these hints have merit, sometimes none.

As an example, former congressman Nick Smith of Lenawee County stepped aside last year after 12 years in the house, and may be looking at running for senate this time.

Other potential Stabenow challengers mentioned in recent political chatter include David Gorcey, Oakland county prosecutor; Jane Abraham, wife of former energy secretary and US Sen. Spencer Abraham; the Rev. Keith Butler, political activist and pastor of an urban Detroit church; Detroit businessman and GOP fundraiser Peter Cummings; Bart Baron, an

industrial engineer from Troy.

Potential Republican candidates also have been mentioned for either governor or senator, including David Brandon, boss of Domino's Pizza and a regent of University of Michigan; Richard DeVos and/or his wife, Betsy DeVos, of Amway and Republican party donor fame.

Readers are free to add their own suggestions, too. It's a game anyone can play, sort of like fantasy football ... and like fantasy football, how it comes out is anybody's guess.

# # #

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

## VIEWPOINT

by Sheriff Wakefield

### Sheriff warns county residents to stay prepared in order to survive weather-related crises this spring

Each spring as tulips push through the Michigan thaw, Sheriff Wakefield of Crawford County sees another side to the season of rebirth: thin ice and flooding. Sheriff Wakefield wants everyone to take proper precautions this year to prevent the tragedy of being ill prepared.

"Winter storms often lead to flooding and landscape erosion that can - and will - strike randomly and, on occasion, brutally," said Sheriff Wakefield.

Sheriff Wakefield reviewed guidelines developed by organizations such as the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and the American Red Cross in order to offer a series of helpful tips for residents.

To prepared for possible isolation in your home: Have sufficient heating fuel; regular fuel sources may be cut off. Have emergency heating equipment and fuel (a gas fireplace or a wood-burning stove or fireplace) so you can keep at least one room of your residence at a livable temperature (be sure the room is well ventilated). If a thermostat controls your furnace and your electricity is cut off by

a storm, you will need emergency heat. Kerosene heaters are another emergency heating option. Never use any fuel other than kerosene in a kerosene heater. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove. Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure your household knows how to use them. Never burn charcoal indoors. Maintain several days' supply of medicines, water and food that needs no cooking or refrigeration.

Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio with battery backup and a tone-alert feature that automatically alerts you when a Watch or Warning is issued (tone alert not available in some areas). Purchase a battery-powered commercial radio and extra batteries. Talk to your household about flooding. Plan a place to meet your household in case you are separated from one another in a disaster and cannot return home. Choose an out-of-town contact for everyone to call to say they are okay. In some emergencies, calling out-of-state is possible even when local phone lines are down. Know how to shut off electricity, gas and water

at main switches and valves. Know where gas pilot lights are located and how the heating system works. Contact your local emergency management office or American Red Cross chapter for information on local landslide and debris flow hazards. Get a ground assessment of your property. County or state geological experts, local planning department or departments of natural resources may have specific information on areas vulnerable to severe erosion or landslides. Consult an appropriate professional expert for advice on corrective measures you can take. Minimize home hazards by having flexible pipe fittings installed to avoid gas or water leaks. Flexible fittings are more resistant to breakage. Only your gas company or related professional should install gas fittings.

Familiarize yourself with your surrounding area. Small changes in your local landscape could alert you to the potential of greater future threat. Observe the patterns of storm water drainage on slopes and especially the places where runoff water converges. Watch for any sign of land movement, such as small slides, flows or progressively leaning trees, on the hillsides near your home. Be particularly observant of your surrounding area before and during intense storms that could heighten the possibility of landslide or debris. Many debris flow fatalities occur

when people are sleeping. Talk to your insurance agent. Debris flow may be covered by flood insurance policies from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Learn to recognize landscape erosion warnings signs: Doors or windows stick or jam for the first time. New cracks appear in plaster, tile, brick or foundations. Outside walls, walks or stairs begin pulling away from the building. Slowly developing, widening cracks appear on the ground or on paved areas such as streets or driveways. Underground utility lines break. Bulging ground appears at the base of a slope. Water breaks through the ground surface in new locations. Fences, retaining walls, utility poles or trees tilt or move. The ground slopes downward in one specific direction and may begin shifting in that direction under your feet.

More information can be found in a handy booklet published by FEMA, entitled, *Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness*. The guide brings together facts on disaster survival techniques, disaster-specific information, and how to prepare for and respond to both natural and man-made disasters. It also provides a step-by-step outline on how to prepare a disaster supply kit, emergency planning for people with disabilities, how to locate and evacuate to a shelter, and even contingency planning for family pets.

A northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula lawmaker plan to mount a campaign which would open up interstates in the region to snowmobile traffic.

Rep. Matt Gillard, D-Alpena, and Rep. Gary McDowell, D-Rudyard, will soon unveil a proposal that would resolve a year-long dispute between state lawmakers and the Michigan Department of Transportation over snowmobile travel along I-75 right of ways and some state highways in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

"Our state is known as a 'Winter Wonderland' for snowmobiling because of our extensive trails, abundant snow and exciting terrain," said Gillard, who serves on the House Committee for Conservation, Forestry and Outdoor Recreation and is also a member of the State House's Snowmobile Caucus.

"Our legislation will help preserve that reputation," Gillard added. "We want to make it easier for snow machine drivers to enjoy the sport without risking their personal safety or the safety of motorists."

Under the planned legislation, snowmobilers would be allowed to travel on I-75 right of ways under strictly controlled circumstances. Such travel would be permissible through a fenced, 20-foot path at the extreme edge of the unplowed portion of the right of ways. Currently, snowmobile operators are prohibited from being on the I-75 right of way. Gillard and McDowell are working with MDOT, Michigan Department of Resources officials and the Michigan Snowmobile Association on the plan.

A similar proposal which passed unanimously in the State Senate and the House committees stalled last year after MDOT officials and Gov. Jennifer Granholm, citing safety concerns, sought to include a provision banning snowmobiles from the unplowed right of way on state highways, where sleds are now allowed to travel.

From January 1, 2001 through October 31, 2004, at least 197 crashes involving snowmobiles and cars were reported on north-

## Snowmobile travel proposal to be unveiled

ern Michigan roadways, according to MDOT records. An additional 705 crashes were reported along public right of ways during that span.

On state trunklines, 22 collisions involving snowmobiles and cars were reported in northern Michigan, as well as another 27 accidents on state trunkline right of ways.

"It is important that Michigan develop a framework that provides for safe interaction between landowners, the drivers of snow machines and automobiles," McDowell said. "At the same time, we want to increase options for snowmobile traffic in northern Michigan and the U.P. to support winter tourism and our local economies."

The snowmobile advisory committee is a seven-member panel appointed to two-year terms by the DNR director. The committee includes three members from the Michigan Snowmobile Association, representatives from trail sponsors, the business community and large trail users.

"The Michigan Snowmobile Association understands that riding a snowmobile should be frozen fun - not fatal," Gillard said. "That's why it is critical for their members to have a voice in any process that may restrict use of snow machines in our state."

An essential component of the legislation would help establish a trail linking Indian River and Cheboygan and open up M-68 to snow machine drivers near the I-75 on-ramp.

"We want riders to have a blast on the trails and come back home alive. By working together in a spirit of cooperation with Gov. Granholm, our colleagues in the State Legislature and our friends in the Michigan Snowmobile Association, we are confident we will achieve our goal," McDowell said.

More than 6,100 miles of designated snowmobile trails are located throughout Michigan in six state forests, three national forests and many acres of privately-owned lands. Michigan is one of only three states that offer a large system of interconnected snowmobile trails.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## Project Graduation selling raffle tickets

Project Graduation is selling "Lucky 300 Club" raffle tickets. Tickets are \$26 each and are good for a \$100 weekly drawing or 26 weeks and grand prize drawings the last week of \$250 and \$1,000. The first drawing will be on March 4. Call Michelle Barbet 348-1772 or Kelly VanDeCar at 348-3130 to purchase tickets.

## Crawford County Republicans to meet

The Crawford County Republican Committee will hold a regular monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 2 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling. Please note the change in meeting time. All members and other interested citizens are encouraged to attend. A vote will be taken on changes to the committee's by-laws.

## GHS will hold meeting for 8th graders

Grayling High School will be holding an informational meeting for parents of 8th grade students on Tuesday, February 22, 7 p.m., at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, regarding registration for high school courses. Parents will have an opportunity to meet their students' counselors, as well as the principal and vice-principal. Topics covered will include curriculum, graduation requirements, extracurricular opportunities and more.

## Straits Area Ostomy to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, February 20, at 2 p.m., back doctors dining room North Michigan Hospital, Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call 989-821-5721 for more information.

## GPA series presents The Jeremy Kittel Trio

The Grayling Promotional Association Cultural Events program presents The Jeremy Kittel Trio show on Thursday, February 17, at the Holiday Inn. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the concert starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and \$8 for students and seniors, and are available at Flowers by Josie, the Grayling Chamber of Commerce or by calling 989-348-7146.

## Spring soccer registration to be held

The Crawford County Soccer Association will be accepting registration for the 2005 Spring Soccer season at the Ausable Primary School on Thursday, February 17, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, February 24, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and final registration on Friday, February 25, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30/child or \$90/family. A birth certificate photocopy is required at time of registration.

## State offices closed for President's Day

All Secretary of State offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents Day. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty. For more information, visit the Department of State Web site at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

## ACT registration deadline is March 4

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 9, 2005. The registration postmark deadline is March 4. Late registration postmark deadline is March 18. Late registration requires an additional fee.

The ACT costs \$28 without the Writing Test, and \$42 with the Writing Test.

Some colleges will require writing scores from students entering college in the fall of 2006. Students should check the admissions requirements of colleges they are considering before deciding whether to register for the ACT with or without the Writing Test.

Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's website at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The website also features test tips, practice tests, and a database for students to find out if a prospective

college requires a writing score.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League Schools. Scores are used, along with a student's high school GPA, high school courses taken, extracurricular activities and other information to help determine if a student is academically ready for college-level coursework.

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Kirtland Community College Alumni Committee is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Alumnus of the year.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Divine Liberty

Two great Inaugural speeches seem to bridge the theme of our founding values with the 20th and 21st Centuries; John F. Kennedy in 1962 and George W. Bush in 2005. JFK said in 1962: "And yet the same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe - the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God."

GWB said in 2005: "America's vital interests and our deepest beliefs are now one. From the day of our Founding, we have proclaimed that every man and woman on this earth has rights, and dignity, and matchless value, because they bear the image of the Maker of Heaven and earth. Across the generations we have proclaimed the imperative of self-government, because no one is fit to be a master, and no one deserves to be a slave."

JFK said, "We dare not forget today that we are the heirs of that first revolution. Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of American's born in this century, tempered by war, disci-

plined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this Nation has always been committed, and to which we are committed today at home and around the world."

GWB said, "We are led, by events and common sense, to one conclusion: The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world." GWB said, "So it is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world."

JFK said, "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

GWB said, "All who live in tyranny and hopelessness can know: the United States will not ignore your oppression, or excuse your "oppressors. When you stand for your liberty, we will stand with you."

He tied this commitment back from Lincoln to God: "The rulers of outlaw regimes can know that we still believe as Abraham Lincoln did: "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves; and, under the rule of a just God, cannot long retain it." As one of our founding fathers, Thomas Paine said, "He that would make this own liberty secure, must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty, he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself."

It is time for us as Americans to return to the God of our roots, the unalienable rights of our creator as stated in the Declaration of Independence, and justice under law as originally intended under the U.S. Constitution. Judicial attempts to create for any minority special civil rights not specifically identified in the U.S. Constitution becomes a governmental threat to all our God-given unalienable rights. Paster "B"

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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Children's Sunday School 11 a.m.

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Bible Study (Wed) 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Church Service 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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(Bible Based & Non-denominational)

Pastor Jim Levi

Associate Pastor Tim Fawcett

8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Levi's

989-349-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 a.m.

Monday Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Seward - Pastor

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Baptist Service 8:30 a.m.

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Monday Service 11 a.m.

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 1 p.m.

Epworth United

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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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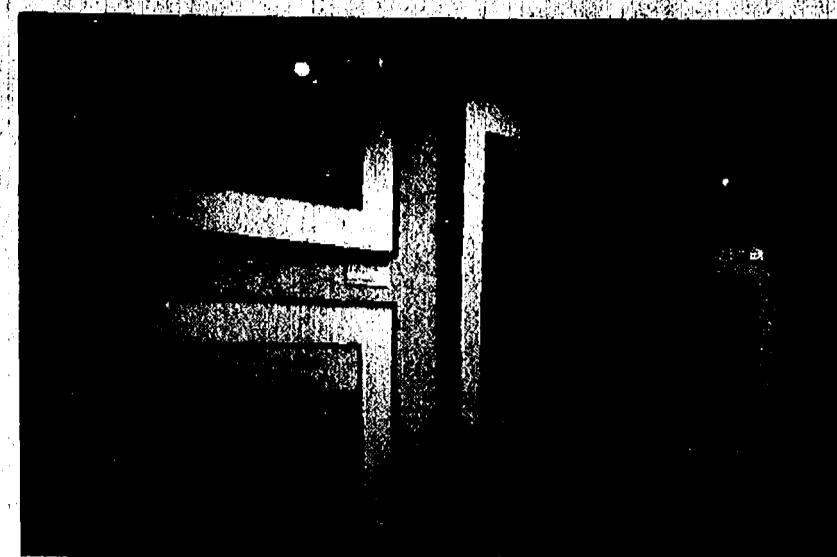
## Kirtland reception, show features photography of Roger Chase

The art department at Kirtland Community College invites everyone to attend a reception for artist Roger Chase, along with a showing of his work, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 6-8 p.m., in the Kirtland House on the KCC campus.

Joe Donna, director of Kirtland's art department, said he is excited to be bringing Chase and his photographs to the community and said both film and digital enthusiasts will be intrigued by Chase's work which bridges both mediums.

Chase, from Harrison, is a regular exhibitor in the annual juried art show conducted in Harrisville, which is where Donna first saw his work.

Chase's subjects are diverse,



Photography show at Kirtland

depicting several of his favorite themes and will appeal to a wide audience. These themes include scenes of nature from the West and Midwest; the Mackinac Bridge and other nautical subjects;

architectural pieces; and fine art centered on the human form.

The evening is free and features refreshments. Call 989-275-5000 for more information.

## HONORS

Central Michigan University



Alyssa Farrell

Alyssa Farrell has been awarded the R. Kesseler Family Centralis Scholarship at Central Michigan University. The University awards 40 of the prestigious Centralis "full-ride" four-year academic scholarships each year from a competitive pool of over 2,000 "best and brightest" students from the State of Michigan.

Alyssa Farrell becomes the second Centralis Scholarship winner from Grayling which is an outstanding achievement and speaks well for the academic competitiveness of Grayling High School graduates.

Roger and Phyllis Kesseler were both born and raised in Grayling and graduated from Grayling High School. Roger graduated from CMU in 1958 and retired as Vice President and Controller of The Dow Chemical Company in 1997. Both Roger and Phyllis feel a strong desire to financially support students from Grayling that plan to attend CMU. Each scholarship includes tuition, fees, room and board and books and has a four year value in excess of \$40,000.

Farrell is from the GHS graduating class of 2005 and the daughter of SFC Brian and Judi Farrell of Grayling.

## Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice Volunteer Training Scheduled

Winter doldrums? Have some extra time on your hands??

Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice will be holding Hospice Volunteer Trainings March 23-24, 2005 from 9-4:30 PM at the Grayling Amicare Office, 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A (Behind Huntington Bank off 1-75 business Loop), Grayling, Michigan.

"The information received in training proves beneficial to one's personal life as well as their volunteer activities," says Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice. Patrick Hanafin, a volunteer for 8 years says, "I get much more from the clients than I give. They all have a story to tell, adventures to share and my job is to be there, listen and help where I can."

Mercy Amicare Hospice provides in-home care for individuals with life threatening illnesses. Mercy Amicare Hospice is certified to provide service through Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross and other insurances. Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of families in the Amicare service area which covers Crawford, Roscommon, and parts of Otsego, Ogemaw, Kalkaska and Oscoda counties. Volunteers are generally assigned to families within the community in which they reside.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice interdisciplinary team which includes doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, and spiritual care/bereavement counselors. Telephone calls are answered by a staff member available 24 hours a day who contacts the appropriate team member within

30 minutes.

Volunteers are asked to donate from two to four hours per week assisting a family with activities that could include respite, errands, light homemaking or companionship. Volunteers can also be involved in clerical work, fund raising, public speaking, bereavement and courier service. Volunteers are especially needed for office support, computer support and respite care for families.

The training program includes such topics as communication skills, family dynamics, grief loss support and body mechanics presented by a combination of hospice staff and guest speakers from the community.

It takes a special person to be a Hospice volunteer. If you would like to register for training or for more information, please contact Sherry at 989-348-0039 or 1-800-424-1457 from 8am-5pm Mon-Fri or leave a message with the After Hours Coordinator during non business hours.

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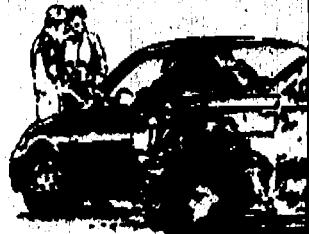
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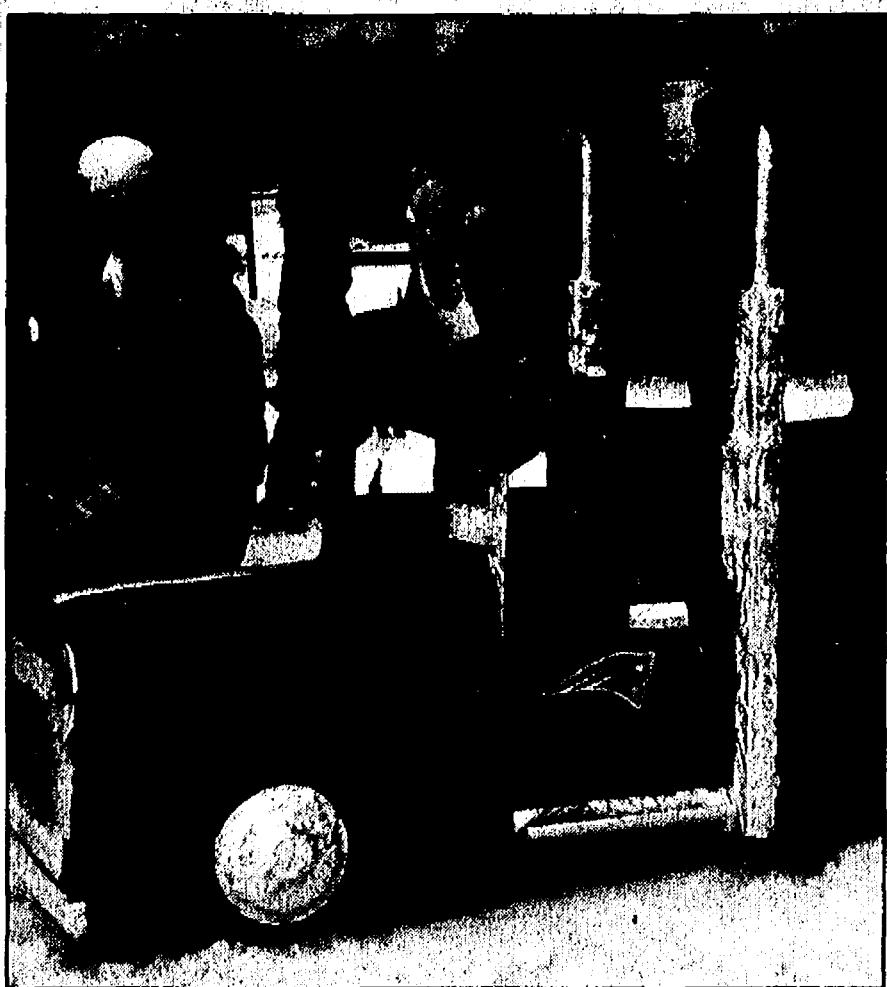
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## Annual winter festival includes sled box derby, Hanson Freezeride



Cardboard sled box derby racers prepare for the start of the race at Grayling Recreation Authority's Winter Fun Days festival at Hanson Hills on Sunday, February 6.



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Mountain bikers hit the slopes during Winter Fun Days' Hanson Freezeride Downhill Race - an event new to the festival this year.

Melissa Kalonich, Iva Haven, and Jordan Bondar perform "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" at the Ole Barn during the Winter Fun Days kick-off party on Friday, February 4.



## Gray Rock is 2005 chili champ

Local chefs competed in the annual Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary 106 at Hanson Hills during Grayling Winter Fun Days, on Sunday, February 6.

Gray Rock Cafe (chili #5), was third.

Other participants included the Grayling Recreation Authority, Holiday Inn and M/T Kitchen.



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Gray Rock Cafe chef Diane Robinson (left) and owner Jill Anderson in front of the famous gray rock. The cafe won the Chili Cook-Off with a chili cooked by Gray Rock chef Gary Wythe.

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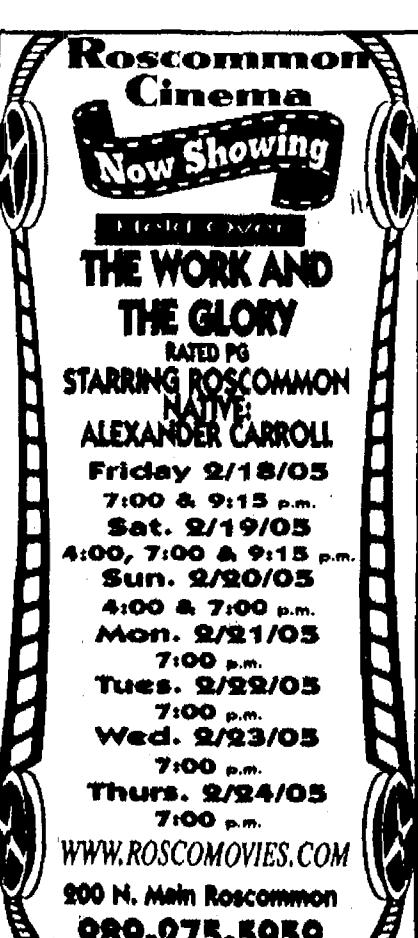
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## High school band plays well at district festival

Members of the Grayling High School Band participated at the annual Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District Solo and Ensemble

Festival on Saturday, February 12. The festival was held at Kingsley High School.

Sixteen events earned first division rating and are now qual-

ified to participate at the State Solo-Ensemble Festival on March 19 at Central Michigan University.

Grayling also earned seven

second-division ratings.

The students are under the direction of Matthew Bishop and Michael Wrobel. Their accompanist is June Karjalainen.

## District Solo and Ensemble Festival Results

### First-Division ratings

Ashley Jurkovich -- Flute Solo  
Ryan Seewald -- Alto Saxophone Solo  
Kilah Vanderstelt -- Trumpet Solo  
Ethan Lynch -- Tuba Solo  
Kyle Seewald -- Clarinet Solo  
Samantha LeMaster -- Clarinet Solo  
Nikki Lynch -- Flute Solo  
Julie Teal -- Flute Solo  
Christopher Wells -- Trombone Solo  
Jon Kane -- Trumpet Solo  
Robert Ramaswamy -- Trumpet Solo  
Fawn A. Filley -- Marimba Solo  
Casey Mahaffy (Flute) and Mallory Olson (Oboe) -- Duet  
Beth Brewer, Christin Morrell -- Clarinet Duet

Flute Choir: Casey Mahaffy, Ashley Jurkovich, Chelsea Curriston, Julie Teal, Nikki Lynch, Amanda VanNuck  
Clarinet Choir: Beth Brewer, Anna Lepsy, Lacey Hollingsworth, Samantha LeMaster, Kyle Seewald, Ellie Curriston, Jessica Brandt, Christin Morrell, Jenny Long

### Second-Division ratings

Lacey Hollingsworth -- Clarinet Solo  
Nikki Lynch, Ashley Jurkovich -- Flute Duet  
Storm Shriver -- Tenor Saxophone Solo  
Amanda VanNuck -- Flute Solo  
Amanda VanNuck, Chelsea Curriston -- Flute Duet  
Austin Andrus -- Marimba Solo  
Adam Gilbert -- Trumpet Solo

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#### 6th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Samantha Bidwell, Peggy Curriston, Erin Dubriwny, Richelle Grosskopf, Ann Hamlin, Ashley Jensen, Melissa Kocefas, Katelyn Lange, Eric Rutter, Abby Thomas, Sara Trudgeon and David Westman.

##### "B" Honor Roll

Joshua Aimesbury, Fisher Ankney, Jensen Aubry, Cassandra Bennett, Jerry Bergy, Tyler Brigham, Cassandra Carter, Kyle Carter, Alexis Dandy, Corey Edwards, David Elliott, Stephen Fraley, Arron Gault, Richard Goodyear, Chandler Grigsby, Amanda Hall, Iva Haven, Nathaniel Heichel, Jacob Helsel, Trevor Hendrickson, Brittny Holloway, Ashley Johnson, Drake Kaul, Elizabeth Kengel, Ethan Lewis, Nicholas McDonald, Kimberly McQueen, Hali Miller, Ashley Moery, Carlie Money, Kaitlyn Money, Rebecca Money, Jessica Myers, Nathan Nickerson, Katlyn Nye, Darin Peters, Olivia Peters, Kristy Petrosky, Jordan Stephan, Rel Strelchuk, Ciara Summers, Ryan Teeple, Kristen Tod, Joseph VanNuck, K. Wakeley, Leigha Weiber, Allyssa Wilson and Zachary Wolcott.

Tiffany Pittman, Zahary Randall, Rachel Ray, Spencer Rasmussen, Megan Reichelderfer, Cody Ribe, Tanya Root, Nicholas Safron, Teresa Schreiber, Tyler Sharp, Daniel Sleeper, Rebecca Sloan, Jacob Small, Alex Sowle, Jordan Stephan, Relle Strelchuk, Ciara Summers, Ryan Teeple, Kristen Tod, Joseph VanNuck, K. Wakeley, Leigha Weiber, Allyssa Wilson and Zachary Wolcott.

#### 7th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Devon Bobenmoyer, W. Brusch, Ashley Feldhauer, Anna Hagerman, Colin Hauser, Matthew Hellebuyck, Chaylin, Hermann, John Lennon, K. Neuberger, Shivam Patel, Tiffany Valentin, Katie Whaley and Rachel Wilson.

##### "B" Honor Roll

Lindsey Argue, Alexa Barber, Kayla Bendig, N. Bindschatel, N. Bobenmoyer, Mary Boeck, Laura Brackenbury, Grace

Calkins, Braden Coe, Joseph Contreras, Travis Cornell, Brandi Creel, Taylor Desenfants, Taylor Doremire, Melissa Eckstrom, Alexandra Fitzpatrick, Savannah Foguth, Carl Gaff, Matthew Harland, Makenna Harwood, Suzanne Hause, Abbey Helsel, Matthew Hilbrecht, Kameron Hobson, Aleisha Hoover, Mary Jenkins, Cayla Johnson, Trisha Jones, Michael Jozwiak, Cody King, Matthew Kuck, Morgan Lepsy, Adam Love, Destinee McLeod, Shawn Molda, Jane Moore, Zachary Moore, Kyle Peters, William Peterson, Kristiana Pfeiffer, Jessica Pickell, Austin Priebe, Daniel Priebe, David Priebe, Marlo Russell, Samantha Schmidt, Jordan Small, Joseph Somero, Alicia Stanley, Gregory Toprak, Matthew Vradenburg, Philip Westman, Sierra Williamson, Wesley Willoughby and Mackenzie Wonfor.

#### 8th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Peter Alexander, Jacob Aubry, Brianna Farrell, Ryan Foguth, Nicole Joseph, Alyssa Lewis, Miescha McCuan, Krista Schultz, Emily Sloan and Leigha Stevens.

#### "B" Honor Roll

Jessica Bindschatel, Laura Boylan, Heaven Clifton, John Cochrane, Katelynn Cordero, Elizabeth Dandy, Spencer Dean, Thomas Dean, Misty Elford, Joseph Emmons, Justin Farnsworth, Eric Ferrigan, William Fowler, Joseph Frost, Alexander Gabriel, Kelsey Gilbert, Mollie Golnick, Matthew Haight, Kayla Hawes, Leo Johnson, Trent Larm, David Lawe, Areal Lynch, Hailey McMahon, Kyle McQueen, Jacob Myers, Courtney Nelson, Dylan Nye, James Osga, Vickie Pegouskie, Alexandra Piehl, Talia Piper, Travis Ransom, Zachary Rasmussen, Sierra Reynolds, Dustin Russo, Ross Teeple, Hilary Warsko, Melissa West, Weston Willoughby, Ashley Witherell, Meghan Wyskiel, Michael Zill.

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# Scouts compete in AuSable Klondike

Boy Scout Troop 995 from Grayling recently attended the Northwoods Scout Reservation in West Branch for the Annual AuSable District Klondike.

This year's Klondike events which scouts took part in included a First Aid/Stretcher Race, Knot tying, Fire Building, Shelter Building, a Sled Race and Scout Jeopardy. All events were timed and scouts were judged on teamwork, ability, and most of all scout spirit.

The Raccoon patrol of Troop 995 earned first place ribbons in the First Aid/Stretcher Race and Knot tying and second place in Shelter Building and Scout Jeopardy. Out of nine troops and 10 patrols, the scouts of Troop 995 took home the first place trophy as the overall winner. The scouts are looking forward to defending the trophy at the District Klondike in January 2006.

Troop 995 was also awarded the Lake Huron Area Council's AuSable District Advancement Award of 2004 at the district dinner held in West Branch in February. The award is given annually to the scout troop with the highest percentage of advancements earned for that year.

Troop 995 is sponsored by  
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The Webelos Dog Pack 3993 from Grayling took third place in the Webelos division at the

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**Boy Scout Pack 995 from Grayling won the first place trophy at the annual AuSable District Klondike held in West Branch. Pictured with the trophy are, front row, Storm Shriver, Matt Dunckel, Scott Wejrowski, Corey Kiessel and Josh Aimesbury. Pictured in the back row are Alex Millar, Nick Grougan and Tom Pilon.**

Klor like. The Dog Pack Patrol finished first place in Shelter Building, Sled Race and Games and second place in First Aid. The Dog Pack is under the leadership of Sue Somero.

The Webelo Gecko's Patrol from Pack 3993 Grayling ward-ed second place in Shelter Build, third in Knots and Games. The Gecko's Patrol is under the leadership of Dave Woodley and Jennifer Morrissette.

The next venture for the Scout troops will include a weekend of fun and fellowship at the Wilderness State Park located near Mackinaw City, which will be held towards the end of February.

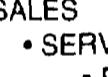
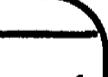
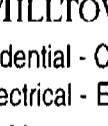
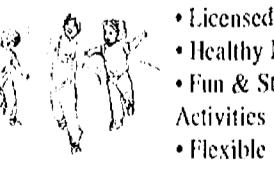
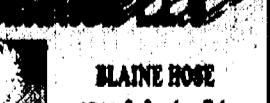
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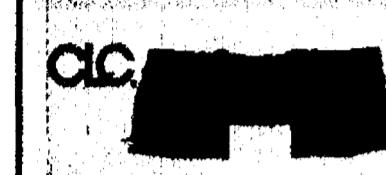
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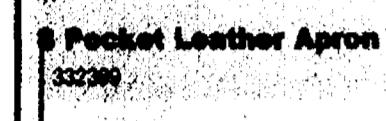
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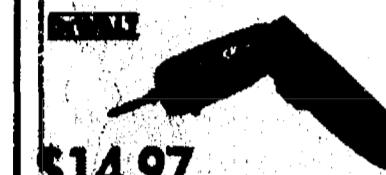


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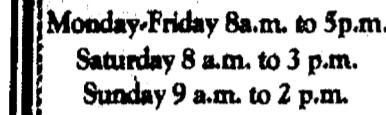
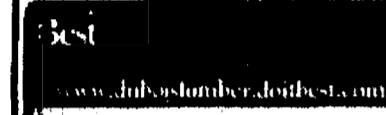
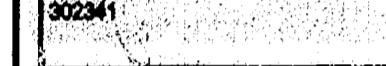
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# The Jeremy Kittel Trio to perform

The Grayling Promotional Association's Community Cultural Events Program will present The Jeremy Kittel Trio on Thursday evening, February 17.

Celtic and jazz fiddler Jeremy Kittel is rapidly earning a reputation as one of the nation's top young traditional musicians. The US National Scottish Fiddle Champion of 2000 and Junior National Scottish Fiddle Champion the previous two years, Jeremy also qualified for international competition in Irish fiddling four consecutive years.

In 2003 he dazzled judges at the first alternative Styles Competition of the American String Teacher Association/National Band and Merit, and Orchestra Association, winning the Alfred Award for Best Improvisation, Mark O'Connor Award of Merit, and International Association for Jazz Education Award for Best Jazz Performance. Jeremy was the first recipient of the Daniel Pearl Memorial violin, performed with the Turtle Island String Quartet; won the Detroit Music Award for Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Instrumentalist; and graduated from the University of Michigan with the School of Music's highest honor,

the Stanley Medal.

Kittel has performed at hundreds of concerts and festivals over the past few years including the Millennium Stage of the Kennedy Center, "A Prairie Home Companion," the Ryder Cup opening Ceremony, Chicago Celtic Fest, Bethlehem Musikfest, Detroit Festival of the Arts and Milwaukee Irish Fest. His first CD, *Celtic Fiddle*, was called "one of the top 20 Celtic albums of 2000, and certainly the best by a new young artist," by the syndicated radio show *Celtic Connections*. Kittel's second release, *Roaming*, received praise from a broad range of publications including *Sing Out and Fiddler Magazine*, and took second place for Best Celtic Instrumental album in the international Just Plain Folks competition against 14,000 CDs.

As one reviewer said, "It's a much over used cliche, but I really believe this is what a genius sounds like. Highly recommended!"

For 20 years guitarist Bob Geric has performed extensively as a solo guitarist/singer at pubs, concerts and festivals. He has also played in jazz, folk, rock, and acoustic groups, performed on cruise ships, and

backed up acts such as Mitz Gaynor, The Maguire sisters, and Tom Paxton. Geric has released two CDs of instrumental guitar music: *On the Other Hand and Second Hand Guitar*.

Bassist Andrew Kratzat recorded a CD with his jazz trio and was named Best Student jazz instrumentalist by Downbeat Magazine while still in high school in Fort Wayne.

Now a junior at the University of Michigan, he won first prize in the International Society of Bassists jazz competition.

Doors open at the Holiday Inn of Grayling at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Ticket cost is \$10 per person and \$8 for seniors and students and can be purchased in advance at Flowers by Josie, the Grayling Regional Chamber of

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The Jeremy Kittel Trio, US National Scottish Fiddle Champion, will perform as part of the Grayling Promotional Association's Community Cultural Events Series at the Grayling Holiday Inn on February 17. Pictures L to R, Jeremy Kittel, fiddler, Andrew Kratzat, bassist, and Bob Geric, guitarist.

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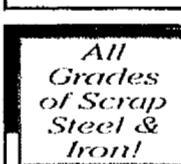
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Thich Tam Hien, aka Tony Nguyen, holds a paper award from the Philippines for his bravery in mobilizing his refugee camp during the Mt. Pinatubo eruption. In Grayling, Nguyen had his bike stolen twice and was featured in a February 3 article in the Avalanche. Since that time, Grayling residents have donated three bikes and a bike lock to Nguyen, who was very grateful. "Thank you very much to all the people in Grayling City," he said. He plans to move to Lien Hoa Temple in Washington state soon, but says he will return to Grayling to visit friends.

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## GPA cultural series features local artist, The Andy Hunter Quartet

The Grayling Promotional Association's Community Cultural Events Program will present the Best of Both Worlds featuring the Andy Hunter Quartet on Thursday evening, February 24.

The Andy Hunter Quartet is a fun and energetic ensemble, infusing influences from around the globe into their music. Their repertoire includes everything from original compositions, adaptations of popular music, jazz standards, salsa, and blues, as well as their take on the music of the native cultures of India, Brazil and Latin America, Chinese pop and Western classical music.

In August, the band recorded an album while on a three month engagement at the House of Blues and Jazz in Shanghai, China. This album is due for release in early 2005.

Andy Hunter is one of the most exciting up-and-coming trombonists on the jazz scene today. Also an award-winning composer and arranger, Andy is a graduate of Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music, where he earned degrees in Jazz Trombone (with Robin Eubanks) and Chinese Language and Literature. He is also a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy. Born and raised along Grayling's AuSable River, his instrument has brought him performing around

much of the United States, Europe and Asia. Recent awards of note include a Downbeat Magazine award in composition, the Detroit International Jazz Festival's Most Outstanding College Soloist award for 2001, and The International Trombone Association's "Frank Rosolino Jazz Award" for 2002. Hunter was also a finalist in the Thelonious Monk Jazz competition in 2003. His trombone can be heard on albums from salsa great Sammy DeLeon y su Orquesta, Big Band leader Ernie Krivda and the Fat Tuesday Big Band, and the UP ensemble, among others. He currently resides in Brooklyn, New York, and is pursuing a Master's Degree at Rutgers University, studying with trombone great Conrad Herwig.

Bassist Peter Dominguez is one of the most sonorous and sought-after musicians around on his instrument. He has appeared as a solo performer with the Fontana Chamber Players, Miami String Quartet, Renaud Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles Piano Quartet, and Michigan State Orchestras.

Colorado pianist Jackie Warren is an exciting and original voice in both jazz and salsa. Warren currently performs with numerous ensembles, including the Jackie Warren Trio, the Afro-Cleveland Orchestra, and

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## Area Land Conservancy on its way to meeting challenge grant

HeadWaters Land Conservancy, a nonprofit group based in Gaylord that serves 11 area counties including Crawford, is making progress towards raising matching funds for its \$125,000 Big Lands Challenge grant campaign.

With donations, "over \$17,000 has been raised towards our Big Lands Challenge, giving us a strong start towards raising the match," said Kirt Manecke, HeadWaters Land Conservancy's Director of Development and Marketing.

Funds raised will help private landowners and hunt clubs preserve land in northeast Lower Michigan's "Club Country," so named due to the large number of hunt/fish clubs in the region. Many private land holdings in this region range in size from 320 acres to over 18,000 acres. Contributions to the campaign will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$125,000 by The Carls Foundation of southeast Michigan. "We hope many more people who want to help preserve these large tracts of land step forward and double their investment by making a contribution," added Manecke.

To involve local communities and residents, The Carls

Foundation requires that every dollar raised come from local residents, businesses and Conservancy members in the Conservancy's northeast Michigan 11-county service area to qualify for matching funds. Contributions from those

who do not reside inside this 11-county region but who own property and/or second homes in this 11-county region count towards the match. Grants from foundations serving this region also qualify. The Big Lands Challenge was launched in late October of 2004 and runs through December 31, 2005. To contribute, send checks, with "Big Lands Challenge" written in check memo, to HeadWaters Land Conservancy, PO Box 783, Gaylord, MI 49734 or visit [www.headwatersconservancy.org](http://www.headwatersconservancy.org).

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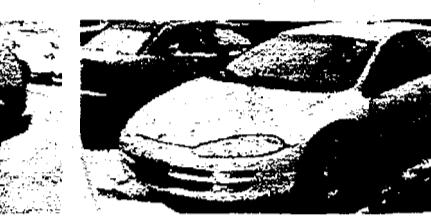
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► Tuesday: Grayling 90, Charlevoix 68

► Friday: Grayling 68, East Jordan 61

## Vikings rout Rayders in conference showdown

Grayling raises its league record to 10-1

### ■ GHS defeats Charlevoix at home, wins at East Jordan

With strong defensive pressure and consistent, evenly-distributed scoring, the Vikings of Grayling High School defeated the visiting Rayders of Charlevoix 90-68 last Tuesday in a battle of the top two varsity boys basketball teams in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Both teams went into the game with only one loss in league play. Grayling's only conference defeat came in a January 11 contest at Charlevoix, which the Rayders won 70-67.

The Vikings started strong, outscoring the Rayders 24-9 in the first eight minutes of play. Grayling added 21 points to its total in the second period to lead 45-27 at halftime.

GHS outscored Charlevoix 29-16 in the third quarter to lead by 31, 74-43, going into the fourth period. The Vikings won the contest by 22 points, 90-68.

"Our defensive pressure was outstanding," Coach Rich Moffit said. "I thought our pressure really disrupted what they wanted to do. I was very pleased with that. The kids did a great job in transition. As a result, (the Rayders) were on their heels a lot."

As a team, the Vikings posted 31 steals in the contest.

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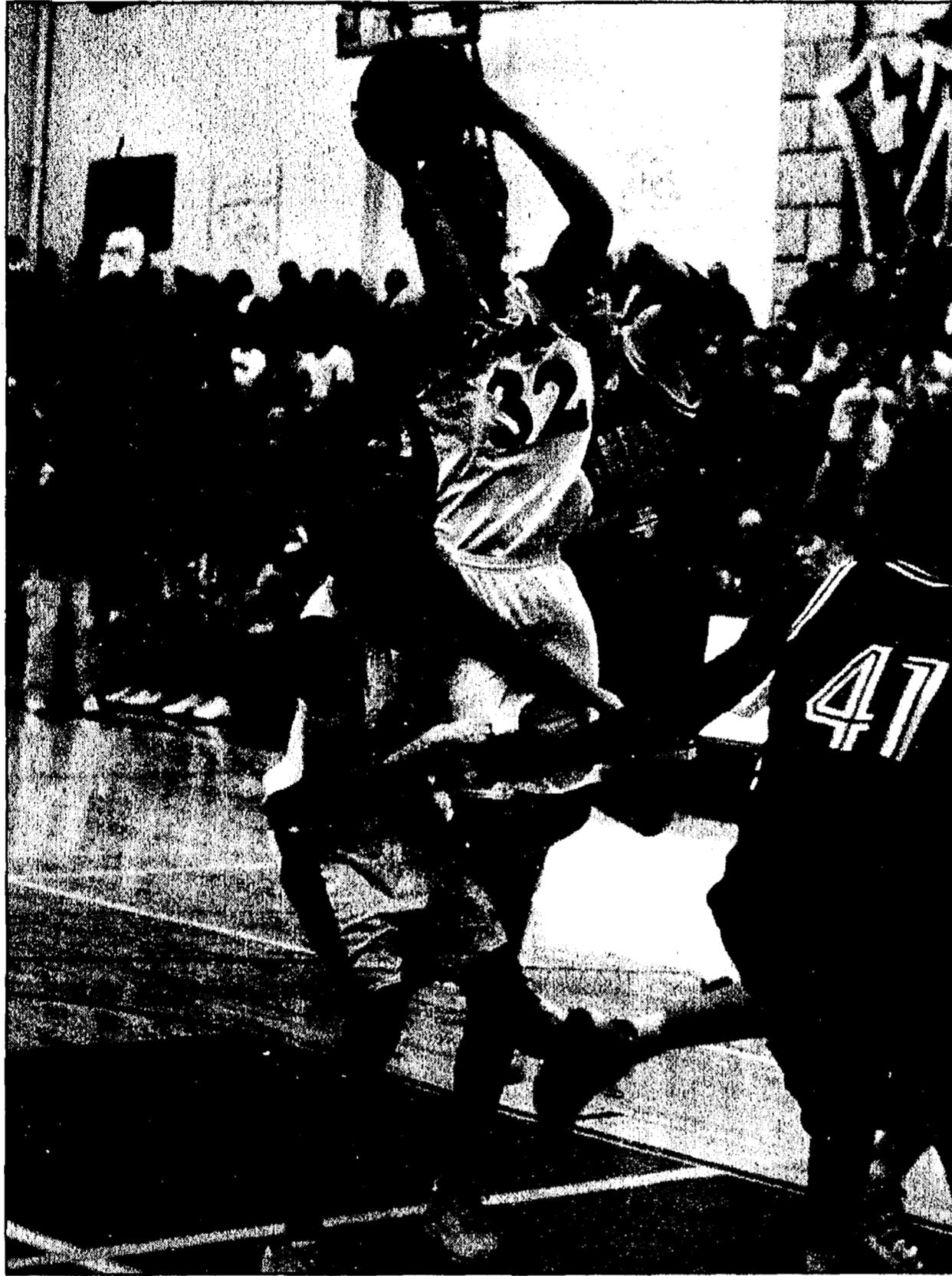


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Bobby Starks takes an inside shot for Grayling in last Tuesday's 90-68 league victory over the Charlevoix Rayders.

## Viking ski teams both attain state rankings

MHSSCA poll has boys squad at #7, girls at #8

### ■ Grayling places 1st and 3rd at Bellaire's Schuss Invitational

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams were both recognized in the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association's latest state poll rankings, with the boys ranked 7th and the girls 8th in class B-C-D.

The last time both Viking ski teams appeared together in the state rankings was the 1999 season, a year in which both squads advanced to the state finals in Marquette. (The class B-C-D state finals will be held in Marquette this year, too.)

Last Thursday, the GHS ski teams competed at Bellaire's nine-team Schuss Mountain

Invitational. The boys team placed 1st and the girls squad took 3rd. The Vikings defeated several teams ranked ahead of them on the state MHSSCA poll list.

The boys team defeated Maple City-Glen Lake (#2) – last year's state champions – by two points and finished 25 points ahead of #5 Benzie Central.

"We have beaten or split a meet with six of the B-C-D teams ranked in the poll and defeated one class A ranked team. If we all ski well we should move on to the state finals at Marquette," Coach Mike Wieland said.

The top skiers for the boys team at Schuss were seniors Trevor Clough and Pat McInally. Clough placed 5th in slalom and

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### Michigan High School Ski Team Rankings

Class B-C-D/Boys

Rank/Team

1. Harbor Springs
2. Glen Lake
3. Cranbrook-Kingswood
4. Boyne City
5. Benzie Central
6. Andover
7. GRAYLING
8. Traverse City St. Francis
9. Charlevoix/East Jordan
10. East Grand Rapids

### Michigan High School Ski Team Rankings

Class B-C-D/Girls

Rank/Team

1. Traverse City St. Francis
2. Charlevoix/East Jordan
3. Benzie Central
4. Cranbrook-Kingswood
5. Boyne City
6. Manistee
7. East Grand Rapids
8. GRAYLING
9. Harbor Springs
10. Andover

## Skiers, snowboarders compete at Hanson Hills



Greg Kalonich gets airborne during the Winter Fun Days Big Air Competition at Hanson Hills on Saturday, February 5.



Aaron Mead competes in the snowboarding portion of the Big Air Competition. The event was open to skiers and snowboarders.



Damian Fleishman flies off one of the jumps at Hanson Hills on February 5. For more on the Big Air Competition, including a list of results, see Page 3B.

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The GHS boys ski team celebrates its first place finish at Bellaire's Schuss Invitational.

## Viking ski teams both attain state rankings

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6th in giant slalom (GS). McInally was right behind him at 6th in slalom and 7th in GS.

Jim Jansen placed 11th in both races, Jon Handy was 26th in slalom and 19th in GS, Adam Gilbert placed 13th in slalom and 48th in GS, Jimmy Hilbrecht was 34th in GS, and Andrew Hart took 36th in slalom.

"It's important to have the senior boys all finish and finish well. We need all five boys to stand up and beat the other team's fourth racer to open up a lead in both races," Coach Wieland said.

The GHS girls team finished 3rd at Schuss despite some of the squad's top skiers having trouble on the hard snow. Traverse City St. Francis (#1) won the meet.

The Vikings had trouble in the giant slalom event, placing 6th, but skied well enough in the slalom competition to finish 3rd overall.

The girls team was led by seniors Mallory Olson and Kassie McClain. Olson placed 5th in slalom and 11th in GS. McClain finished 14th in slalom and 20th in GS. Erica Moggo took 20th in slalom and 30th in GS. Cassie Pizzi placed 32nd in slalom despite needing to climb and finished 29th in GS. Katie Baynham placed 36th in GS after falling and lost her skis in slalom and was disqualified.

TCSF dominated the field as the Gladiators all finished in the top 10 in both events.

"The girls did manage to

defeat three of the state's top-ranked teams despite a shaky day on the slopes. The young girls just need more experience in large meets with hard snow on the hills and they only have until the 17th to improve," Coach Wieland said.

The Vikings will compete in the MHSAA Regional Ski Meet at Schuss Mountain on Thursday, February 17. The team will finish

its conference schedule with the League Championship Meet on Wednesday, February 23.

On Thursday, February 24, the Vikings will host Wieland's Retirement Meet at Hanson Hills at 4 p.m. Coach Wieland is retiring from his coaching position at the end of the season and all of his former skiers are encouraged to attend the meet on February 24.



Trevor Clough skis for GHS at a recent meet.



Mallory Olson skis for the Vikings.

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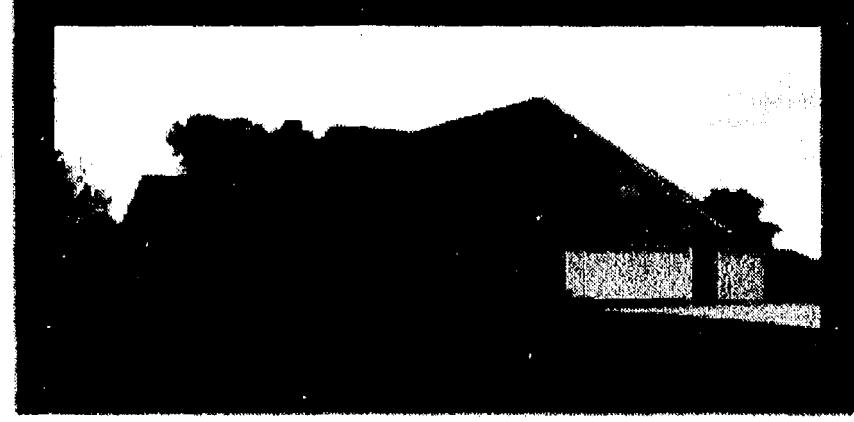
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The team's seniors - Trevor Clough, Adam Gilbert, Jon Handy, Jim Jansen, Kassie McClain, Pat McInally and Mallory Olson (not pictured) - were selected for their leadership at Schuss Mt. last week.





Jon Handy jumps during the Big Air Competition at Hanson Hills on Saturday, February 5.



Sean Hernandez competes in the Big Air Competition's ski event during Winter Fun Days.

## Skiers, snowboarders compete at Hanson Hills

About 20 area skiers and snowboarders participated in the Hanson Hills Big Air Ski/Snowboard Competition at Hanson Hills Recreation Area during Grayling Recreation Authority's annual Winter Fun Days festival on February 5.

Competitors took two runs on two different ramps during the annual competition and jumps were scored by a panel of judges.

The final results of this year's Big Air Competition at Hanson Hills were as follows (by division):

Place/Name/Score/Bib #

### 12-under Skiers

|                      |    |     |
|----------------------|----|-----|
| 1. Nick McDonald     | 31 | 246 |
| 2. Laura Brackenbury | 28 | 231 |
| 3. Cameron Wakeley   | 20 | 245 |

### 13-15 Skiers

|                   |    |     |
|-------------------|----|-----|
| 1. Mike Olson     | 29 | 293 |
| 2. Sean Hernandez | 28 | 228 |

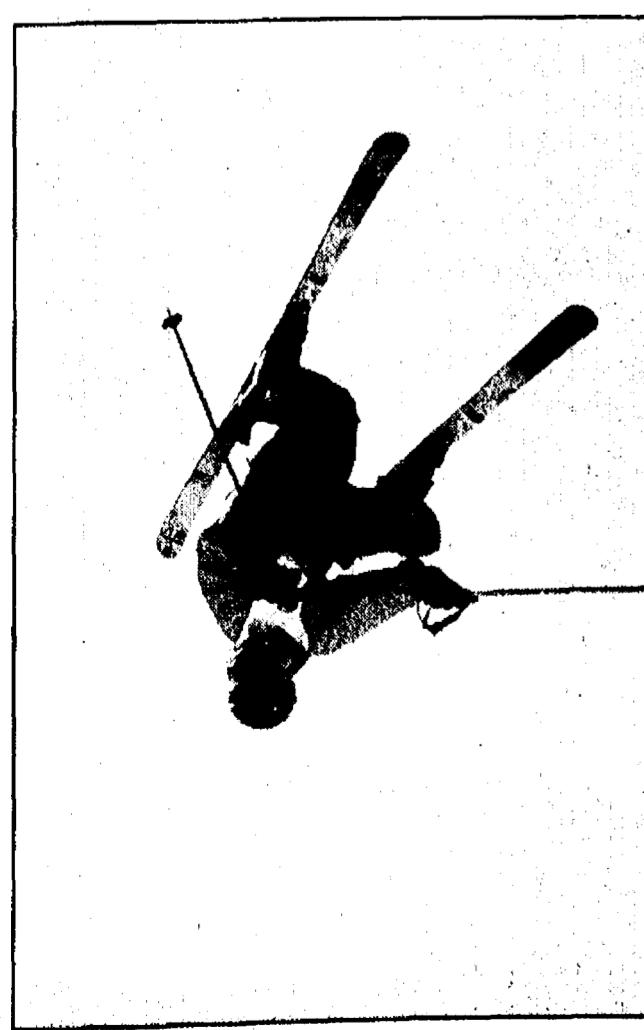
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| 3. Mike Davis           | 27 | 236 |
| <b>16-18 Skiers</b>     |    |     |
| 1. A.J. Brackenbury     | 38 | 230 |
| 2. Jon Handy            | 35 | 233 |
| 3. Greg Kalonich        | 32 | 229 |
| 4. Wade McGregor        | 27 | 224 |
| 5. Kyle Trudgeon        | 25 | 225 |
| <b>19-over Skiers</b>   |    |     |
| 1. Damian Fleishman     | 26 | 227 |
| <b>13-15 Boarders</b>   |    |     |
| 1. Jeff Todd            | 24 | 250 |
| 2. Eric Ferrigan        | 23 | 237 |
| 3. Eric Christman       | 20 | 234 |
| <b>16-18 Boarders</b>   |    |     |
| 1. Jimmy Hilt           | 32 | 226 |
| <b>19-over Boarders</b> |    |     |
| 1. Nick McNamar         | 28 | 238 |
| 2. Aaron Mead           | 26 | 420 |



Mike Olson takes one of his jumps at Hanson Hills during the Winter Fun Days Big Air Competition.



Jimmy Hilt comes off the top of the snow ramp during the Big Air Competition.



Kyle Trudgeon (left) and Wade McGregor (right) compete in the ski portion of the Big Air Competition on February 5.

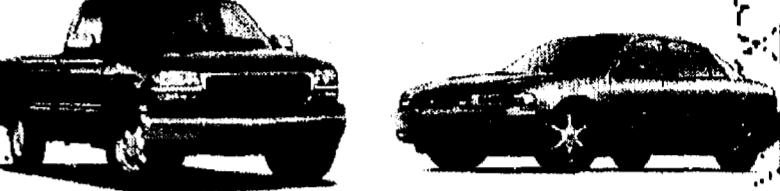


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Josh Hinkle shoots for Grayling in the game against the Rayders on Tuesday.



Eli VanNuck pulls up for a jump shot in Tuesday night's contest vs. Charlevoix.

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## Vikings rout Rayders in conference showdown

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Eli VanNuck was the leading scorer for Grayling with 19 points. VanNuck also added 8 steals on defense. Gibson Tobin posted a double-double with 15 points and 11 steals. Josh Hinkle had 17 points, a team-high 6 rebounds, and 4 steals. Josh Millikin, who scored three three-point plays during the game, finished with 11 points. Bobby Starks, Mike Boylan, Zach Dean, Jim Boylan, Reagan Schmidt, Ryan Feldhauser, Zac Baker, and Zeke Hayes also scored points for GHS. All of Grayling's 12 uniformed players scored at least two points in the contest.

"Eli has been struggling offensively, it was great to see him break out of his slump in a big way. Josh (Hinkle) did a great job in transition as far as hitting the open guy. I also thought Gib did a great job defensively with

his ball pressure," Coach Moffit said.

The victory improved Grayling's season record to 13-2 and raised its league record to 9-1. The win also kept the team's home winning streak alive at 8-0.

On Friday, the Vikings won a close game at East Jordan 68-61 over the host Red Devils. The win extended Grayling's Lake Michigan Conference to 10-1 and pushed its overall mark to 14-2.

At East Jordan, the Vikings led 35-23 at halftime and had a 50-41 lead going into the fourth quarter.

"We dodged a bullet tonight," Coach Moffit said. "East Jordan played very well and played with a lot of energy. Our kids showed a lot of poise during crunch time and we made plays when we had to."

Tobin was the scoring leader

for GHS with 30 points. Millikin added 13. VanNuck, J. Boylan, Dean, Starks, and Hinkle also scored points for Grayling.

On defense, VanNuck had a team-high 9 steals. Starks had 4 steals.

"The big thing now is to keep improving," Coach Moffit said. "We're getting close to the end of the year and we need to focus on being the best we can."

The Vikings play at Elk Rapids on Friday, February 18. Next week, the team will finish its 2004-05 regular season with two home games — one vs. Roscommon on Tuesday and one vs. Kalkaska on Friday.

In districts, the Vikings will play the Roscommon Bucks at Roscommon High School on Monday, February 28, at 6 p.m. The winner plays Kalkaska at RHS on Wednesday, March 2, at 6 p.m.

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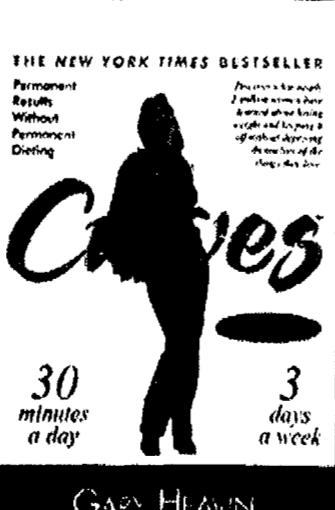


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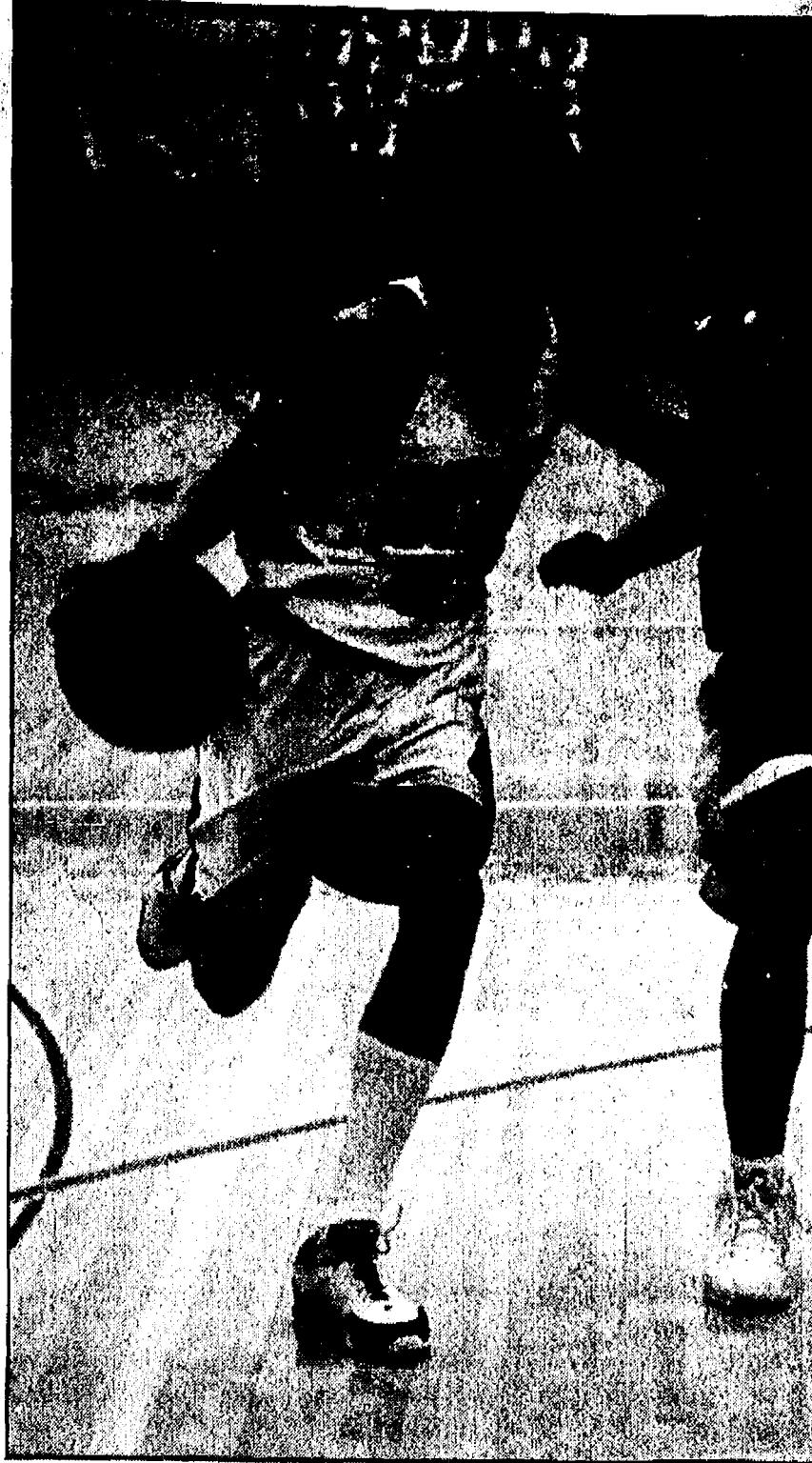
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Gibson Tobin drives to the basket for Grayling in last week's game against Charlevoix.

Photos by Caleb Casey



Jason Drudge handles the ball for Grayling in last week's JV game vs. Charlevoix.



Nick Parkinson takes an inside shot for the Vikings against the Rayders of Charlevoix.

## JV team falls to Red Devils at East Jordan

The East Jordan Red Devils won last Friday's junior varsity boys basketball game vs. Grayling by a final score of 53-44 at East Jordan.

Grayling led 21-20 at halftime and had a 29-26 edge going into the fourth period. East Jordan outscored Grayling 27-15 in the final eight minutes to win the game.

The Red Devils outperformed Grayling at the free throw line, making 26 of 39 attempts to Grayling's 11 of 29. In the fourth

quarter, EJ hit 17 of 24 free throw attempts.

"In the fourth quarter, with the game on the line, East Jordan attacked the basket and drew a lot of fouls. As a result, they shot 17 for 24 from the free throw line in the fourth and scored 27 points in the last quarter," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Jeremiah Bootz had 12 points and 11 rebounds for Grayling. Justin Summers scored 9 points. Nick Parkinson added 6, Doug Slater 6, and Jason Drudge 4.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost a home game vs. Charlevoix 75-35.

Boots had 15 points and 5 rebounds for GHS. Parkinson (7), Slater (5), and Mitch Hernandez (4) also scored points for Grayling.

The Vikings play at Elk Rapids on Friday, February 18. Next week, Grayling will end its 2004-05 season with home games against Roscommon (Tuesday) and Kalkaska (Friday).

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Recreation League

American Legion ..... 20 - 12  
Woody Girls ..... 20 - 12  
Glen's Market ..... 17 - 15  
Coldwell Banker ..... 17 - 15  
Gr. Nursing Center ..... 17 - 15  
Hawthorne Golf ..... 14.5 - 17.5  
Mickey Perez CPA ..... 12.5 - 19.5  
Peterson Saw Service ..... 10 - 22  
High Series: K. Moshier, 498; L. Dellar, 497; B. Wheeler, 487.  
High Game: H. Stairs, 198; L. Dellar, 193; B. Wheeler and M. Ginther, 189.

### Pioneer League

McDonald's ..... 19 - 9  
Grayling Restaurant ..... 18.5 - 9.5  
AJD ..... 17 - 11  
Chemical Bank ..... 16 - 12  
Custom Interior ..... 16 - 12  
Grayling Chiro ..... 13.5 - 14.5  
South Side River Rats ..... 7 - 21  
Rochette's ..... 5 - 23  
High Series: L. Rutter, 557; S. France, 546; T. Parker, 527.  
High Game: T. Rock, 234; B. LaMotte, 221; L. Rutter, 212.

### Senior Bowling

Flowers By Josie ..... 61 - 23  
Stitches By Sue ..... 47 - 37  
Kicking Grass ..... 46 - 38  
Grayling Pharmacy ..... 45 - 39  
Bear's Den Pizza ..... 41 - 43  
Sylvesters Sports ..... 40 - 44  
Spike's Keg O' Nails ..... 30 - 54  
Lone Pine Restaurant ..... 26 - 58  
High Series Men: B. Holton, 559; L. Crampton, 550; A. Smith, 524.  
High Game Men: L. Crampton, 221; B. Holton, 210; D. Germain, 195.

High Series Women: C. Clark, 500; N. Glasslee, 459; D. Doremire, 448.  
High Game Women: D. Doremire, 179; C. Clark, 175; N. Glasslee and P. Gillis, 165.

### Friday Mixed Doubles

American Legion ..... 20 - 8  
IMM ..... 18 - 10  
Moshier Auto Repair ..... 17 - 11  
Lucky & Laura ..... 13 - 15  
Double Trouble ..... 11 - 17  
4.F.I. ..... 5 - 23  
High Series Men: M. Horton, 579; P. Benardo, 575; J. Campbell, 569.

High Game Men: P. Benardo, 228; M. Horton, 224; C. Hanson, 220.

High Series Women: S. France, 585; K. Trudeau, 573; S. Johnson, 504.

High Game Women: K. Trudeau, 222; S. France, 204; S. France, 546; T. Parker, 527.

High Game: T. Rock, 234; B. LaMotte, 221; L. Rutter, 212.

Northwood League

Carey & Jaskowski ..... 19 - 5  
Great Lk Mortgage ..... 14 - 10  
Bud Lite Babes ..... 14 - 10

Warbler Chicks ..... 13 - 11  
Hals Masonry ..... 13 - 11  
Choppers Spare ..... 11 - 13  
USA Trailer ..... 10 - 14

Chaos ..... 2 - 22  
High Series: T. Rock, 517; D. Roman, 499; P. Benardo, 484.

High Game: J. Kuszak, 216; T. Rock, 200 and 196.

National First

Faustman's Insurance ..... 43 - 6  
Ole Barn ..... 34 - 15  
Denholm Chiropractic ..... 27 - 22

### Sunday Mixed Doubles

Denny's Village Idiots ..... 33 - 16  
Little Tyke Daycare ..... 27 - 22

AJD Forest Products ..... 24 - 25

Dennco ..... 21 - 28

Fritch Electric ..... 21 - 28

Weyerhaeuser ..... 21 - 28

High Series Men: J. Meharg, 610; S. Miller, 605; D. Dehart, 602.

High Game Men: S. Miller, 230; K. Slater, 228; J. Meharg, 226.

High Series Women: E. Slater, 521; S. France, 440; D. Argue, 437.

High Game Women: E. Slater, 188; D. Argue, 173; S. France, 158.

American Men's League

GADCO ..... 30.5 - 11.5

Scheer Motors ..... 29 - 13

Gray-Rock Cafe ..... 27 - 15

Moore's Automotive ..... 23 - 19

Canfield's Snowplowing ..... 18 - 24

McLeans ACE ..... 16 - 26

Fenton's Auto Serv. ..... 14.5 - 27.5

A.E.I. ..... 10 - 32

High Series: J. Robideau, 650; C. Smith, 621; D. Canfield, 602.

High Game: J. Robideau, 242; T. Kotash and C. Smith, 224.

## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Frederic Inn ..... 143  
Holiday Inn ..... 137  
Growlers Pub ..... 124  
Legion ..... 119  
Sawmill ..... 113  
5 Ball Run: Annette (Frederic Inn), Vixie and Christy

(Sawmill), Cindy (Holiday Inn).

6 Ball Run: Cindy and Melonie (Holiday Inn).

### Men's Standings

Two Track Inn #1 ..... 69  
Legion ..... 68  
Frederic Inn ..... 60

Growlers Pub ..... 55

Sawmill #1 ..... 49

Riverside ..... 49

Sawmill #2 ..... 44

Two Track Inn #2 ..... 24

Lords of the Table - 8 Ball Run:

Jeff B. (Legion), 8 on the Break:

Travis (Sawmill #2).

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Grayling

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## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice Of

### Mortgage

### Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary Margaret Stone, a married person, original mortgagor(s), to Irwin Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagor, dated February 7, 2001, and recorded on February 12, 2001 in Liber 528 on Page 494, and rerecorded on March 15, 2001 in Liber 531 on Page 488, and modified by agreement dated April 22, 2003, and recorded on May 20, 2003 in Liber 635 on Page 134, and assigned by said Mortgagor to MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association as assigned by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five And 97/100 Dollars (\$66,865.97), including interest at

8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 2, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 660 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, as recorded in Liber 605, Page 404 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 27, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC M 248.593.130

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #047278F01

-27-3-10-17

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

## COMBINED NOTICE

### NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date Published: February 17, 2005

The City of Grayling

1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan 49738

(989) 348-2131

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about March 7, 2005 the above named City will request the State of Michigan to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

Maple Street Water Main

The project will install a new water main crossing the AuSable River near Maple Street. This new main will increase capacity and improve the reliability of the entire municipal water system.

The estimated cost of the project \$210,483.00

#### Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named city has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

The reason for such decision not to prepare an EIS are as follows:

- 1.) The project area is not located in a wetland or floodplain.
- 2.) There will be no impact on the water table.
- 3.) No known endangered species are indigenous to the location.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by the above-named City which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why an EIS is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

#### Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Grayling to the office of the City Manager on or before March 6, 2005. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Grayling will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

#### Release of Funds

The City of Grayling will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of Michigan under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Grayling is certifying to the State of Michigan that the City of Grayling and Allen Lowe in his official capacity as City Manager consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Grayling may use the Block Grant funds and the state will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

#### Objections to State Release of Funds

The State of Michigan will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State of Michigan; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted to the State of Michigan, Michigan Economic Development Corporation 300 North Washington Square, 4th Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48913.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after March 23, 2005 will be considered by the state.

Allen Lowe, City Manager  
1020 City Boulevard  
Grayling, Michigan 49738

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Detlef H. Rohleder, a married man whose wife's name is Denise Rohleder, for the purpose of releasing dower, original mortgagor(s), to FSB Funding, Inc., Mortgagor, dated October 17, 2002, and recorded on February 5, 2004 in Liber 666 on Page 152, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Nineteen And 16/100 Dollars (\$54,019.16), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 16, 2005.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 10, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC G 248.593.1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #047278F01

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 165 feet of the East 660 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, as recorded in Liber 605, Page 404 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 10, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC G 248.593.1310

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-10-17-24-3

## FORECLOSURE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7490. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Huck Davis and Elizabeth

Davis, husband and wife to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (MERS) solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns The Huntington Mortgage Company.

Mortgagor, dated December 12, 2001, and recorded on December 17, 2001, in Liber 0563, on page 445, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which

mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy six thousand nine hundred seventy nine and 26/100 Dollars (\$76,979.26), including

interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in

said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a

sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public vendue, at the front

door of the County Building in Grayling,

Michigan at 10:00 o'clock AM, on March

23, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of

Grayling, Crawford County Michigan and

are described as: Lot 6, Block 15, origi-

nal plat of the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 2, Crawford County Records. The parcel, ID# 20-070-100-015-006-00.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

413 Peninsular St.  
Grayling, MI 49738

Dated: February 8, 2005.

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns The Huntington Mortgage Company - Mortgagor

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.

23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450

Southfield, Michigan 48075

-17-24-3-10-17

## TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 8, 2005 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 14, 2005 9am-noon

1pm-4pm

Thurs., March 17, 2005 1pm-4pm

6pm-9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

| CLASSIFICATION | FACTOR | RATIO  |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| Real Property  | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Agriculture    | 46.98  | 1.0000 |
| Residential    | 47.88  | 1.0000 |
| Commercial     | 49.26  | 1.0000 |
| Industrial     | 48.95  | 1.0000 |

Mark D. Kniss  
Supervisor  
Maple Forest Township

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Grayling Township is currently seeking applications and/or resumes from persons interested in serving on the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals. The successful candidate will have a basic understanding of zoning and general community planning.

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets, when necessary, on the third Monday of each month at 7p.m. in the Grayling Township Meeting Room. Zoning board members are paid \$50 per meeting. Some outside, paid training may be required.

Applications and/or resumes will be accepted by the Grayling Township Supervisor through Monday, February 28, 2005. Interviews may be required prior to appointment on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at the regularly scheduled March meeting of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees.

Terry Wright  
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

## STATE OF MICHIGAN NOTICE OF NONMETALLIC MINERALS (SAND AND GRAVEL) SEALED BID LEASE AUCTION 2005-1

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will conduct a competitive sealed bid lease auction of State-owned nonmetallic (sand and gravel) rights in approximately 420 acres. These parcels are existing State sand and gravel pits being converted from mineral permits to leases in an effort to improve management and reclamation. The lands under consideration for leasing are located in the following areas:

W1/2 NW1/4 NE

## LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE 46TH CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CRAWFORD  
200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738  
FRANK J. DEPA and MARGARET  
M. DEPA,  
husband and wife,  
Plaintiffs,  
Case No. 04-6357-CH

ROYAL HAIGHT,  
Defendant.  
ROBERTA ECKERT CHRISPELL  
P46479  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
3225 W. Houghton Lake Dr.  
Houghton Lake, MI 48629  
(989)366-8177  
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain land contract made on the date of July 27, 1995, by Royal Haight, as Purchaser, to Frank J. Depa

and Margaret M. Depa, husband and wife, as Seller, upon which land contract there is claim to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and One Cent (\$5,312.01), plus other allowable costs including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes, and insurance;

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt, secured by said land contract and the power of sale being contained in said land contract having become operative by reason of such default;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is being given that on the 24th day of February, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said land contract with interest thereon at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said land contract. The land and the premises described in said land contract are located in the State

of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further described as follows:

The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, all being in section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the East side for road purposes. Commonly known as: Route 1, Box 1743-E, Grayling, MI 49738

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the

amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, and any fees, taxes, or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of sale.

The property is occupied as one parcel and must be sold as one parcel.

Roberta Eckert Chrissell P46479  
Attorney for Frank J. Depa and  
Margaret M. Depa  
3225 W. Houghton Lake Dr.  
Houghton Lake, MI 48629

-13-20-27-3-10

## PUBLIC NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS

Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting at 4:30pm on March 8, 2005. The Board of Review will then meet to hear individual tax assessment appeals as per the following schedule.

March 15, 2005 2pm-5pm and 6pm-9pm.  
March 19, 2005 9am-12pm and 1-4pm.

Each of these meetings will take place in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea, Supervisor

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment concerning the Downtown Development Plan presented by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for approval. The public hearing will allow residents and property owners in the DDA District to make comments regarding the proposed plan.

The public hearing will be held on Monday March 14, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing, especially property owners in the DDA District. A copy of the DDA Plan can be viewed at the City offices at 1020 City Boulevard during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Michelle Moshier,  
City Clerk

## NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Wednesday, March 16, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Friday, March 18, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property within the City of Grayling for 2005, are as follows:

| Class         | Tentative Ratio | Factor  |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|
| Commercial    | 50.00           | 1.00000 |
| Industrial    | 50.00           | 1.00000 |
| Residential   | 50.00           | 1.00000 |
| Developmental | 50.00           | 1.00000 |
| Personal      | 50.00           | 1.00000 |

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor  
1020 City Blvd.  
P.O. Box 549  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-2131

| CLASS                                                       | ASSESSED    | EQUALIZED   | RATIOS | FACTORS |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| <b>BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>     |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | 274,700     | 287,771     | 47.73  | 1.0476  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 3,825,500   | 4,280,995   | 44.68  | 1.1191  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | 12,941,200  | 12,941,200  | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| 401 Residential                                             | 53,050,450  | 56,908,871  | 46.61  | 1.0727  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 70,091,850  | 74,418,837  | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 24,936,500  | 25,004,768  | 49.86  | 1.0028  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 95,028,350  | 99,423,605  | -      | -       |
| <b>FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>         |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | 4,286,900   | 5,316,096   | 40.32  | 1.2401  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 2,491,500   | 2,749,393   | 45.31  | 1.1035  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | 404,200     | 408,365     | 49.49  | 1.0103  |
| 401 Residential                                             | 54,849,160  | 60,141,623  | 45.60  | 1.0965  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | 2,050,400   | 1,858,593   | 55.16  | 0.9065  |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 64,082,160  | 70,474,070  | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 7,030,500   | 7,030,395   | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 71,112,660  | 77,504,465  | -      | -       |
| <b>GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>         |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | 2,075,800   | 2,159,592   | 48.06  | 1.0404  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 10,250,400  | 8,426,833   | 60.82  | 0.8221  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | 24,286,200  | 24,462,329  | 49.64  | 1.0073  |
| 401 Residential                                             | 191,994,600 | 202,355,185 | 47.44  | 1.0540  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 228,607,000 | 237,403,939 | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 5,878,000   | 5,878,000   | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 234,485,000 | 243,281,939 | -      | -       |
| <b>LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>          |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | 3,956,700   | 4,509,573   | 43.87  | 1.1397  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 1,434,700   | 1,507,354   | 47.59  | 1.0506  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 401 Residential                                             | 61,864,800  | 62,590,854  | 49.42  | 1.0117  |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 67,256,200  | 68,607,781  | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 3,795,100   | 3,795,278   | 49.99  | 1.0002  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 71,051,300  | 72,403,059  | -      | -       |
| <b>MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>     |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | 312,700     | 332,801     | 46.98  | 1.0643  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 984,900     | 999,695     | 49.26  | 1.0150  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | 1,529,200   | 1,562,002   | 48.95  | 1.0215  |
| 401 Residential                                             | 23,060,700  | 24,081,767  | 47.88  | 1.0443  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 25,887,500  | 26,976,265  | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 1,362,100   | 1,362,042   | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 27,249,600  | 28,338,307  | -      | -       |
| <b>SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>     |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | 3,117,500   | 3,450,088   | 45.18  | 1.1067  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 2,759,500   | 2,911,479   | 47.39  | 1.0551  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 401 Residential                                             | 101,269,900 | 108,775,403 | 46.55  | 1.0741  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | 734,200     | 751,484     | 48.85  | 1.0235  |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 107,881,100 | 115,888,454 | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 3,070,500   | 3,070,500   | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 110,951,600 | 118,958,954 | -      | -       |
| <b>CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b> |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 33,130,000  | 31,313,799  | 52.90  | 0.9452  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | 6,047,400   | 6,177,119   | 48.95  | 1.0215  |
| 401 Residential                                             | 19,722,700  | 21,179,875  | 46.56  | 1.0739  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 58,900,100  | 58,670,793  | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 6,145,200   | 6,145,200   | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 65,045,300  | 64,815,993  | -      | -       |

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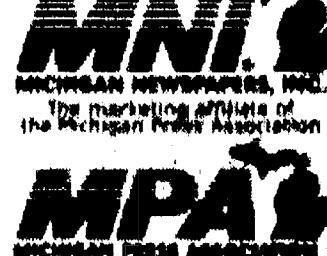


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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

February 18, 1982

A & R Forestry Products started production last week and celebrated its Grand Opening Friday with Governor William Milliken in attendance. Ronald Hees, chairman of the board of Aladdin Products (A & R's parent company in Plymouth) said he expects plant operations to be in full bloom within two to three weeks employing 40 to 60 persons.

Robert Sellers, a Frederic Township trustee elected in 1980, handed in his resignation on February 9, after accepting a job position out-of-state.

Fifteen year old Karyn Reynolds of Grayling took first place in both downhill ski races and first place in slalom racing this past weekend at Thunder Mountain in CUSSA ski racing competition.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Shuster of Hastings, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Catherine to Patrick James McNamara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry F. McNamara of Grayling.

The Grayling Co-Operative Nursery is pleased to announce that it has passed its licensing evaluation as prescribed by the state and inspected by Ms. Anne Selega, Consultant in the division of Child Day Care Licensing.

### 46 Years Ago

February 19, 1959

Rep. Elford A. Cederberg, of Bay City, today announced that

\$57,000 has been released in previously appropriated federal funds for construction of a maintenance shop for the Michigan National Guard at the Grayling McNamara Air Base. The shop will provide quarters for storage of new tanks now at camp, Cederberg said. The community of Lovells is very happy to announce that Lovells Winter Playland Ski Park is now open and is extending a very special invitation to all members and friends to visit the area.

At the District Solo-Ensemble Festival held February 7, at Gaylord, Cathy Stripe, Pat Cox and Jon Bond won two first division and one second division honor.

Robert LaMotte, Sr., is opening the Sinclair Service Station at 512 Cedar St. (US-27). He has set February 21 as the tentative opening date. Mr. LaMotte sold his share of the Pure Oil Service Station business, known as Frank and Bob's, to his former partner, Frank DeWitt, recently.

Frederic names 1959 honor students. Steven Carl Olson, has achieved a point average of 8.30 out of a possible 10. to become Valedictorian of his class. During his four years of high school, Steve has been an excellent all around student and has participated in many extra-curricular activities both in and out of school. Nellie Fern Armstrong is the Salutatorian with an average of 7.89 out of a possible of 10.0.

Though her four year of high school, Nellie has been an excellent student, popular among her fellow students and has participated in numerous extra-curricular activities both in and out of school.

### 69 Years Ago

February 20, 1936

Last Friday night Grayling's basket-tossers took Roscommon into town on their own floor by a score of 23 - 16. The Grayling reserves lost a hard fought battle to the Roscommon seconds, 16 - 9.

Last Wednesday evening the Frederic men's Twenty-two Rifle Club celebrated their first month of match shooting at a supper given by the four losing teams.

The losing teams put on a first class feed and say they are going to burn more powder and next month will have the fun of eating and watching someone else do the work. The club, with a roll of forty members, have been holding their weekly shoots in a room in the town hall donated by the Frederic Township Board. These shoots are held on Wednesday evening and any man is invited to attend. Besides the men's club the fifty-foot range is used by the boy's club of thirty-eight members and the girl's club of eighteen members. Although some of these young folks have never shot a gun before joining these clubs, they are really going to town in the way of marksmanship.

Gloria MacNeven was hostess to a group of friends at her home Thursday evening. The occasion was a triple birthday party honor-

ing the anniversaries of Natalie Peterson, Dorothy Miller and Jean Brady, and was a surprise. Games were enjoyed and a delicious lunch was served. Everything was nicely carried out in Valentine style and Gloria carried off the role of hostess in a charming manner.

Freeze-ups are common these days, and cause a lot of trouble. It costs money to let the faucet run continuously but we believe that would be cheaper than having a thaw-out job to do. Besides it would avoid a lot of inconvenience. City Manager Miller says a couple of thousand gallons of water a month would cost about 27¢, and that would prevent freezing.

Arthur Worden and family have moved from the Sullivan property near the airport to the Sorenson house on Park Street.

Washington's birthday prompted a fine program in commemoration of the occasion by the local Kiwanis Club, when on Wednesday with their ladies present, an appropriate program and dancing party was held at Shoppington's Inn.

### 92 Years Ago

January 20, 1913

Esbern Hanson had his auto sleigh out yesterday.

Three loads of fish from the Michigan fish commission were unloaded at Lovells last Monday and planted at different points along the river.

Herbert Hennessy is again at his old position as bookkeeper for T. E. Douglas, in Lovells.

## CROSSWORD



Across:

- Supervisor.
- Brif amount of time.
- Be of help.
- Acronym for Electronic Variable Optical Attenuator.
- Territorial possessions.
- At all times.
- Shasterman, author of Full Tilt.
- Lower-level soil lacking an albic horizon but having a loose spodic horizon.
- British for television.
- Strolling minstrels.
- Acronym for Random Act of Kindness.
- Abbreviation for kiloelectron volt.
- Acronym for International Society for UFO Research.
- Remains in place.
- Shaped into spikes.
- Small and round.
- Scyth handle.
- Insurance lingo for transportation Injuries Drivers Risk.
- Mine in Piedmont, Italy, closed in 1984.
- Move in a sudden sweep.
- Native of Scotland.
- Prongs on an implement.
- Etui.
- Knock over.
- Theatre of Tragedy Cassandra lyrics, "Or was he an \_ being."
- Archale English word for "ready."
- Having the course of an orb.
- Automobile.
- \_ 9000, computer in 2001: A Space Odyssey.
- Apatosaurus.
- God of love.
- Situated near the ilium.
- State of agitation.
- Fold as in the stomach lining.
- Ink again.
- Nervous.
- Pentyl.
- Abdominal muscles.
- Ylundi, Betty White.

Down:

- Curved or crooked.
- On the other side of.
- Acronym for Sobeakson Optical Astronomy Observatory.
- Breed of hunting dog resembling a greyhound.
- Cord across the back of a book to which the sheets are attached.
- Involved with.
- Acronym for Target Data Input Unit.
- Amount raised in a wager.
- React with unnecessary force.
- Acronym for Office of English Language Acquisition.
- Makes an arduous journey.
- Adds a rising agent to.
- Small satchel.
- Pieces of furniture on which to sleep.
- Court process for the recovery of a claim.
- Pair of narrow wooden strips of wood used for gilding over snow.
- Plural of "aicum."
- Science of bathing.
- Produced with a saw.
- Imposing but cheap appearance.
- Legal right.
- Scoped-out place used for burning.
- Small child.
- Acronym for Desktop Publishing.
- Acronym for Annual Education Results Report.
- Vain person.
- Acronym for Service Independent Building Block.
- Fixed points in time from which a series of years are reckoned.
- Unit of money in Iceland.
- 1996 movie starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.
- Wife of Zeus.
- Plants having basal, arrowhead-shaped leaves.
- Genus of trees including the olive.
- Acronym for NIMA Intelligence Brief.
- Converts hide to leather.
- Reverse.
- Vehicles with horses harnessed to them.
- Infection of the sebaceous gland of the eyelid.
- Bando, former 3rd baseman of the Oakland A's.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ADOPT A PET



The animal shelter has several cats and kittens that are spayed or neutered and front declawed.

For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Dixie at 348-4117 or 348-9178.

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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

| Last Week |    |    |      | Extended Forecast             |             |             |               |
|-----------|----|----|------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Date      | H  | L  | Snow | (Courtesy of the Weather.com) |             |             |               |
| 2/9       | 24 | 17 | 4    | Thursday                      | High 19     | Low 12      |               |
| 2/10      | 22 | 8  | 5    | Friday                        | High 21     | Low 13      |               |
| 2/11      | 29 | 3  | 5    | Saturday                      | High 19     | Low 14      |               |
| 2/12      | 33 | 18 | 4    | Sunday                        | High 24     | Low 15      |               |
| 2/13      | 37 | 10 | 4    | Monday                        | High 28     | Low 19      |               |
| 2/14      | 37 | 10 | 5    | Tuesday                       | High 31     | Low 15      |               |
| 2/15      | 38 | 30 | 4    | Snow Shower                   | Few Showers | Few Showers | Partly Cloudy |

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## CHEESY CATFISH

|     |                            |     |                        |
|-----|----------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| 2   | tablespoons margarine      | 1/4 | cup all-purpose flour  |
| 1/2 | cup grated Parmesan cheese | 1/2 | teaspoon pepper        |
| 1/4 | cup yellow cornmeal        | 1   | teaspoon paprika       |
|     |                            | 2   | pounds Catfish fillets |

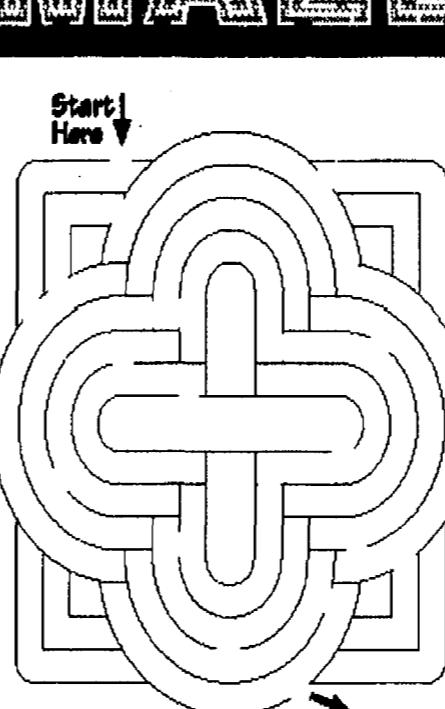
1. Preheat oven to 400° F.  
2. Place margarine in a 13- by 9-inch baking pan and put in oven to melt while oven is heating. Remove from oven.  
3. Mix Parmesan cheese, cornmeal, flour, pepper, and paprika in plastic bag. Add catfish fillets, one at a time, and shake to coat with

Parmesan mixture. Arrange fillets in a single layer in the prepared pan, turning once to coat with margarine. Sprinkle remaining cheese mixture over fish.

4. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes or until golden brown and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

**DID YOU KNOW ??**  
**John Wilkes Booth's Brother once saved the life of Abraham Lincoln's son.**

## MAZE



## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 17, 2005



Shame on you, Capricorn. You're so caught up in your own life that you've forgotten about an ailing friend. Grab some food and drop by for a long chat.



Temper flare at a family function. You may have to step in and play peacemaker. Home improvement plans hit a snag.



Past follies will set you up for failure if you let them. Do your homework and forge ahead with confidence. A photo inspires you to make a change.



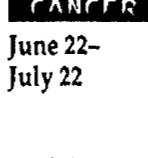
A friend shares good news. Invite them over to celebrate. A situation at the office peaks—keep quiet and stay out of it. It's none of your business.



Thoughts of better times leave you emotionally drained. Take charge of your life and turn the negatives into positives. A client makes an unusual request.



Rave reviews spark your creativity and the ideas fly. Dot down whatever comes to mind—you can sort through everything later.



Envy rears its ugly head as a dear friend reaches a milestone in their career. Don't do something foolish. Your turn will come.



Dreams of financial security motivate you to take stock of your assets and reevaluate your long-term goals. You realize where you want to be and how to get there.



A relative bails out of a social function at the last minute. An acquaintance comes to your rescue. Show your gratitude with a special gift.



Someone else's loss is your gain this week, Gemini. Don't look the gift horse in the mouth. Your financial outlook vastly improves.



Something is brewing at home. Poke around and see what you can find out. The more you know, the better equipped you'll be to deal with the situation.



Oh happy days, Sagittarius. The warmth of family and friends envelops you and you're the highlight of a weekend get-together. Have fun!

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Crawford County Avalanche

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MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties [www.century21grayling.com](http://www.century21grayling.com) (1/7/99tf/1)

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710 (1/6/05TF/1)

## 1. Real Estate

RESTAURANT & BAR for sale, and guess what, it comes with the liquor license. Call Maggie for more details at Century 21 River Country Real Estate 989-348-5474. (-17/1)

## 1. Real Estate

LIVE FREE! Purchase this 5 bedroom home and live on ground floor. Rent out each of the four bedrooms on upper floor which will more than make your payments. Land contract available. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell today and ask for Fred for details. 348-6481 (-10-17/1)

## 1. Real Estate

FOR SALE- COMMERCIAL with two residence. M-72 west of Grayling. 480' frontage, 5 acres+, 348-4981. (-3-10-17/1)

FOR SALE- Large 10 acres. Barn-like building. King Road, Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-773-2514. (-10-17-24/1)

## 1. Real Estate

CHARMING HOME IN GRAYLING Mobile Estates. Conveniently located only 2 miles from town. 960 sq. ft., 2 bedroom, 1 bath, walk-in closets. The exterior is freshly painted, updated roof, windows, furnace, and doors. Also includes central A/C. \$39,500 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 348-6481. Listing #236770 (-17/1)

## 1. Real Estate

NEWER RANCH HOME, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, close to town, \$119,900, must sell. Make offer 989-348-1482 (-13-20-27-3-10-17-24-3/1)

GRAYLING 2.5 ACRES wood-ed near AuSable mainstream and state land. \$13,900 by owner. 348-7355 (-1/13/05tf/1)

PRIME PROPERTY ON BUSINESS loop. Prime commercial property located on a corner parcel of the business loop. 200 feet of frontage on the business loop, plus frontage on city-maintained Meadows Drive. Ideal location for retail business or restaurant. Seller willing to sell parcels separately. Sellers are licensed real estate agents in the State of Michigan. \$499,000 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 348-6481. Listing #14992 (-17/1)

2 HOMES ON 17+ acres. 17 plus acres with 2 homes. Use 1 for rental income and live in the other. Could put more cabins in, as main snowmobile trail is on 612. Great hunting, deer and turkey, and Manistee Lake is just up the road for fishing. Year round sports just out your front door. Main home has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1,123 sq.ft. of living space with newer room that could be a den or office. Garage for the toys, and 2 sheds. \$170,000 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 348-6481. Listing #236748 (-17/1)

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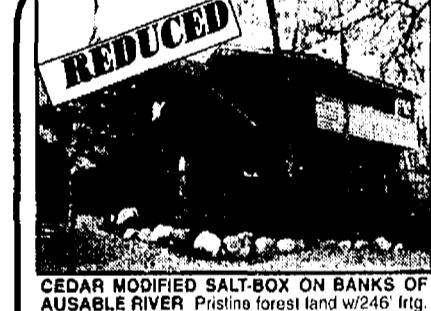


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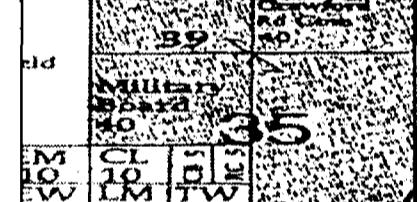


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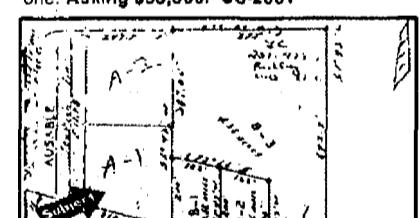
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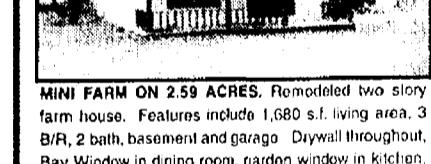


AN EXCEPTIONALLY SUPER NICE 10 ACRE PARCEL with rolling, hardwoods, adjoining Federal Land on 2 sides. (Hartwick Pines National Park Area). AuSable River is 1/4 mile away. Power is at site. Lots of wildlife in the area. Excellent recreation property. Ideal for hunting, camping, snowmobiling, hiking, or build a cabin. Don't wait to see this one. Asking \$33,000. CS-2061



505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST! Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and AuSable Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1415 \$119,500

Wooded oversized lot in quiet subdivision. Close to North Higgins Lake State Park. Lot 90x132. Nice hardwoods. Great building site. CS-1179 \$9,000



MINI FARM ON 2.59 ACRES. Remodeled two story farm house. Features include 1,680 s.f. living area, 3 B/R, 2 bath, basement and garage. Drywall throughout. Bay Window in dining room, garden window in kitchen, newer electrical, furnace, vinyl siding, 4 inch well, septic system, decks, covered porch, lawn front and side yards. Seller in process of moving. New carpet in living room, B/R, bath and stairway. Hardwood floors in entryway. Garage possession not until weather permits. CH-1884 \$106,900

ATTN. SNOWMOBILERS "SNOW BELT" THIS 1,632 SQ. FT. HOME OVERLOOKS 10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS and the valley. It features: two skylights, extensive knotty pine interior, six panel pine doors, ceramic tile kitchen and baths, plus a security system. Two garages & most furniture negotiable. CH-2037 \$159,900

2.5 ACRES OFF BURTON'S LANDING ROAD 30x34 log cottage. AuSable River access, includes windows & doors. Travel trailer on site available for additional \$4,000. \$69,900. CH-1913

THIS GORGEOUS 2,800 S.F. HALF LOG HOME JUST COMPLETED ON 10 ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND 3BR/2BA custom knotty pine interior. Great room features Fieldstone Fireplace and Trapsolid windows. 10x10 screened porch overlooking natural hillside setting. 3-car finished garage, 30x40 pole barn. Other features: What a Master BR Suit! 10x10 plus 2 dormers, a gas fireplace, and door-wall onto deck. A must see! CH-1928 \$289,000

EXCEPTIONALLY BUILT HOME SITS ON SECLUDED 10 ACRES SURROUNDED BY STATE LAND. 2,000 sq. ft. Ranch 3 bed, 2 bath, large great room, island kitchen. Great view from deck with hot tub. Landscaped with electrical, lighting, water and pet area. Lots of storage inside and out, especially with 3 car attached garage. Access to I-75, hunting, and snowmobile trails. Plenty more, it's a must see to appreciate the North Country at its finest! Heavily wooded and an additional 10 acres for \$30,000. CS-2031 \$265,000

SNOWMOBILING & HUNTING! Home with 1100 square feet. New Berber carpet downstairs. New vinyl siding, windows, and floors in kitchen and bath also new roof on house. Kitchen offers oak cabinets, lazy susan and walk in pantry and stainless steel sink. Comes with all appliances. 160 acres of state land across the road. Close to snowmobile trails. CS-2034 \$59,900

REDDING HOMES

**NICE MOBILE IN SECLUDED** setting. Here is that cute, well cared for, out of the way 2 bedroom, 1 bath home, furnished with a fenced-in area for dogs. Also includes 8' X 12' shed and many more amenities. \$42,000 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 348-6481. Listing #235773 (-17/1)

**GAYLORD'S MICHAYWE AREA**, lots 21 & 22 on Scenic Trail. Backs up to Michaywe ski hills but is not part of Michaywe. Call Maggie at Century 21 River Country Real Estate 989-348-5474. (-17/1)

**GREAT HOME IN NORTH PARK** Sub, just outside of the Grayling city limits. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath home with a fireplace in the living room. Call Maggie at Century 21 River Country Real Estate 989-348-5474. (-17/1)

**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATHS**, 2003 mobile home outside of Frederic. This home is in perfect condition and comes with a 24 X 65 pole barn. Call Maggie at Century 21 River Country Real Estate 989-348-5474. (-17/1)

**CLOSE TO LAKE MARGRETHE** 2-story home on 4 lots with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a family room. Comes with a 2-car garage and extra storage in attic. Call Maggie at Century 21 River Country Real Estate 989-348-5474. (-17/1)

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**ALL-SPORTS OTSEGO LAKE** canal home. 3 bedrooms, 1+ bath. Call Maggie at Century 21 River Country Real Estate 989-348-5474. (-17/1)

## 2. For Rent

### FOR RENT Grayling Housing Commission

Is taking applications for a (1) bedroom apartment. Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income. Maximum Ceiling Rents

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Rent Includes Utilities

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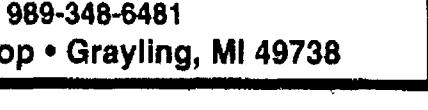
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4 Bedroom home on 10 acres. Large two story 'A' frame home with floor to ceiling windows looking out on a beautiful wooded setting. Big detached garage and pole barn for all the toys. Private and secluded just five miles east of Grayling. \$189,000 #5273.

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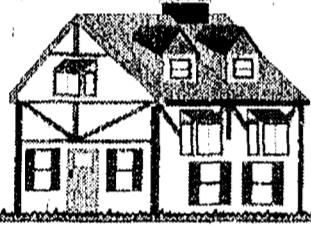
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**FREE CLASSES in Financial Management, Budgeting and Credit Repair starting in March. Sign up now to reserve your space. Classes held in both Gaylord and Grayling. Call Alice TOLL FREE at 866-637-1834 or Lemae at 989-348-8446**  
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#### 8. Announcements

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are soliciting merit-staffed bidders to operate the Wagner-Peyser Public Employment Service Program throughout the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle. Units of the State of Michigan, local units of government, special purpose units of government, school districts, intermediate school districts, public community colleges, public colleges and universities can bid to provide employment services.

Program dollars of approximately \$155,000.00.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., in the Onaway Michigan Works! Service Center. Request for Proposal packages will be available at that time.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disc copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, March 25, 2005, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777 (Voice & TTY)

**D. BAWES/DRIVERS TRAINING** Northern Driving School is offering Segment I and II classes. Grayling - March and May; Roscommon - April; Mio - TBA. Summer classes TBA soon. Call now: (989) 344-2470 or (989) 732-8332. (-10-17-24-3/4)

**IF YOU NEED HELP** cleaning your home or office, give Betty a call: 348-9248. (-10-17-24/4)

**MANAGING FOREST LANDS** for Pride, Profit & Pleasure. www.ntimberlands.com. (-10-17-24-3-10-17/4)

**SPRING SPECIAL:** 5% will hold your choice of building until you're ready to build by July 2005. Order your building with a cement floor and get free sealer. Call Tom's Pole Buildings - 800-541-3974. (-2/10/05tf/4)

**HEATHER'S DAYCARE** has 2 immediate full time openings ages 0 and up. State Licensed, CPR & First Aid Certified. Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided. FIA payments accepted. Open Mon-Fri. 7:00am to 6:00pm. Located at 301 Red Tailed Hawk Loop. 989-348-9058 or 989-390-2367. (-17-27/4)

**RESIDENTIAL SNOW SHOVELING.** Paid by job. 989-348-8957. Ask for Jon. (-17/4)

#### 5. For Sale

**1996 POLARIS INDY 500:** reverse, electric start, studded, female owned, perfect condition. 989-275-0054. \$2,300. (-17/5)

#### 4. Services Offered

**QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS** set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03tf/5)

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**AMISH BUILT** pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03tf/5)

**FOR SALE** 89 Ford Ranger, \$475. Snowblower electric, start, \$525. Gas stove, \$75. Wall furnace, \$200. Space heater oil, \$200. 989-344-2270. (-10/21/04tf/5)

**RUSTIC LOG FURNITURE** local maker has quality pieces available. Built to order. Lower overhead means lower prices to you. Portable sawmilling service also available. Call 348-6677. If no answer, please leave message. (-12/9/04tf/5)

**FOR SALE:** 2001 PONTIAC Aztec GT. Leather, power heated seats, CD & cassette, power roof, wheels, air, cruise, tilt, heads up display, still in warranty. \$12,900 reduced to \$12,200 989-348-8659, leave message. (-1/27/05tf/5)

**SONY DIGITAL MAVICA** MPEG movie, 14x zoom, \$700, charger & case. Call 989-348-6490 between 5-8 p.m. (-17/5)

#### 6. Wanted

The Crawford County Transportation Authority is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors for the purchase and installation of an Automatic Vehicle Locator system for a fleet of 15 passenger transport vehicles.

Vendors must be capable of providing information enabling CCTA management to observe an operational version of the system they are attempting to market.

Interested vendors are to submit a notice of their intention to bid no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2005. Notification is to be submitted in writing and mailed to: AVL Project, Crawford County Transportation Authority, 4276-West North Down River Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Questions may be directed to: David Frederick at 989-348-8215.

The CCTA encourages Women's Business Enterprises and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to participate in this bidding process

#### 9. Personals



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**AUCTION!** Feb. 19 at 10 a.m.

Mio, MI. Perry Creek & M-33. Furniture; Rittenhouse; showcases; phonographs; art; pottery; glassware; sportsman; soda jerk; advertising; costume jewelry; ephemera; coins & more. South Branch Antique Shop retiring. View online. www.LetsTalkAuction.com. Lets Talk Auction Co. (989) 848-5158. (-17/5)

**FUTON, EXCELLENT CONDITION:** \$70.00, extra large Igloo dog house: \$50.00, Radial arm saw: \$50.00. Call 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295 (-4/24/03tf/7)

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Come make a Valentine page at

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21st. Pre-registration required,

\$10. 344-9473. (-17/7)

**LOST: OLYMPUS DIGITAL**

CAMERA with case at Hanson

Hills 2-12-05, reward, no ques-

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**BUYING OLD FRED BEAR** catalogues. Midland toll free: 1-877-416-6179. (-17/6)

**WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES** top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (-27-3-10-17/6)

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**CARIBBEAN NIGHT AT SKYLINE:** 2-26-05, \$20 per

person, includes dinner buffet;

Appetizers, Crab Legs, Tropical

Jerk Porkloin, & Seafood

Janbalaya, karaoke. Dinner will

be served at 6 p.m. Dress tropical.

Please RSVP by 2-22-05. 989-

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skyline@m33access.com. (-17/8)

#### 5. Wanted

**SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER-** Sunday, March

6, 2005 from 1 to 3 pm. at the

Ausable Primary School cafeteria.

The cost is \$5.00 per person,

\$20.00 per family. Enjoy

spaghetti, salad, drink and

dessert. Proceeds raised will go

to the Grayling Assembly of God

Roof Fund. (-10-17-24/8)

**ANNUAL NATIONAL WILD TURKEY** Federation

Sanctioned Banquet/Auction.

Saturday, March 12, 2005 at the

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Hall. Social hour 5:30 p.m., din-

ner/program 6:30 p.m. For more

information call Dennis Ryan

(989) 348-8338 or Brian Brown

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